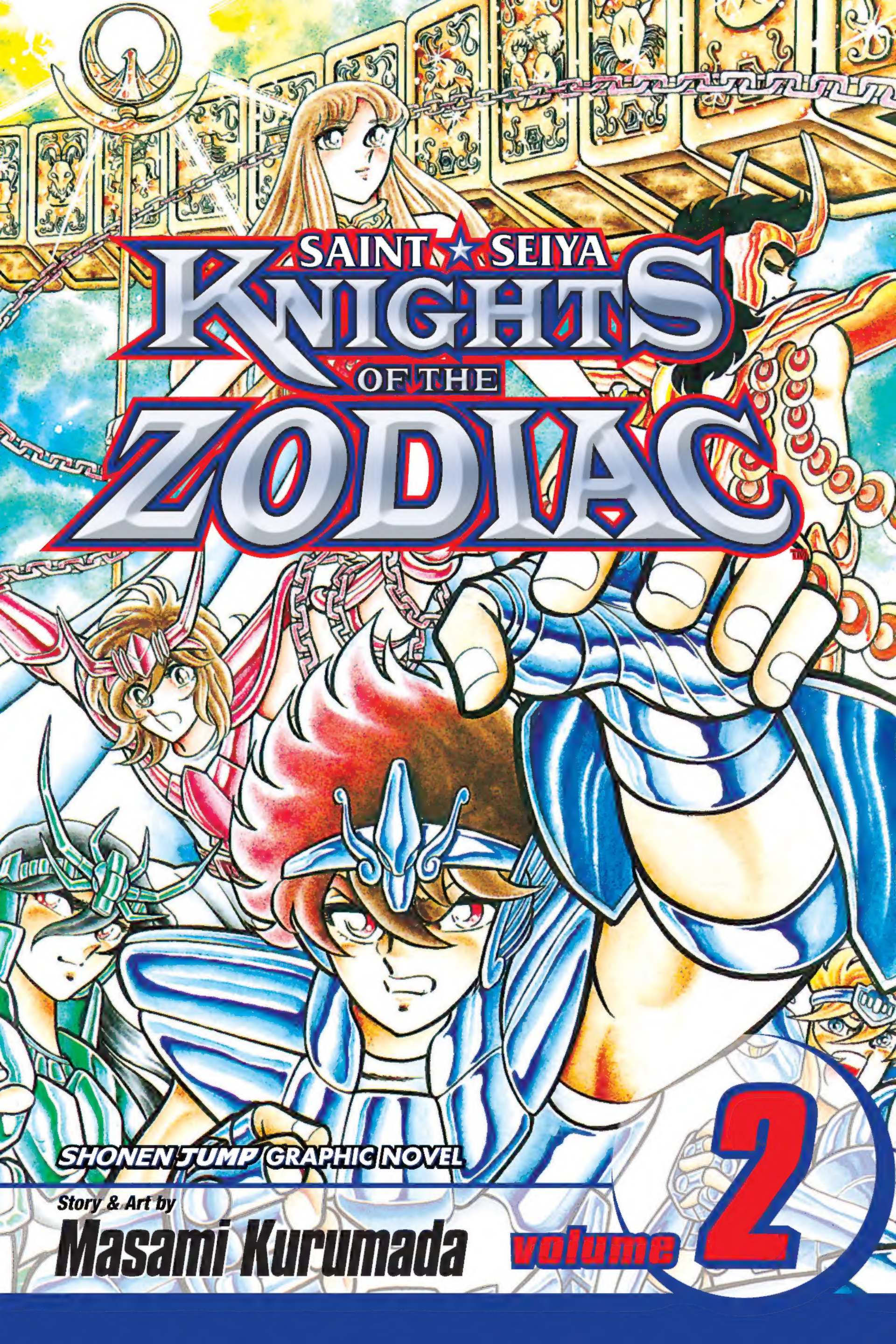
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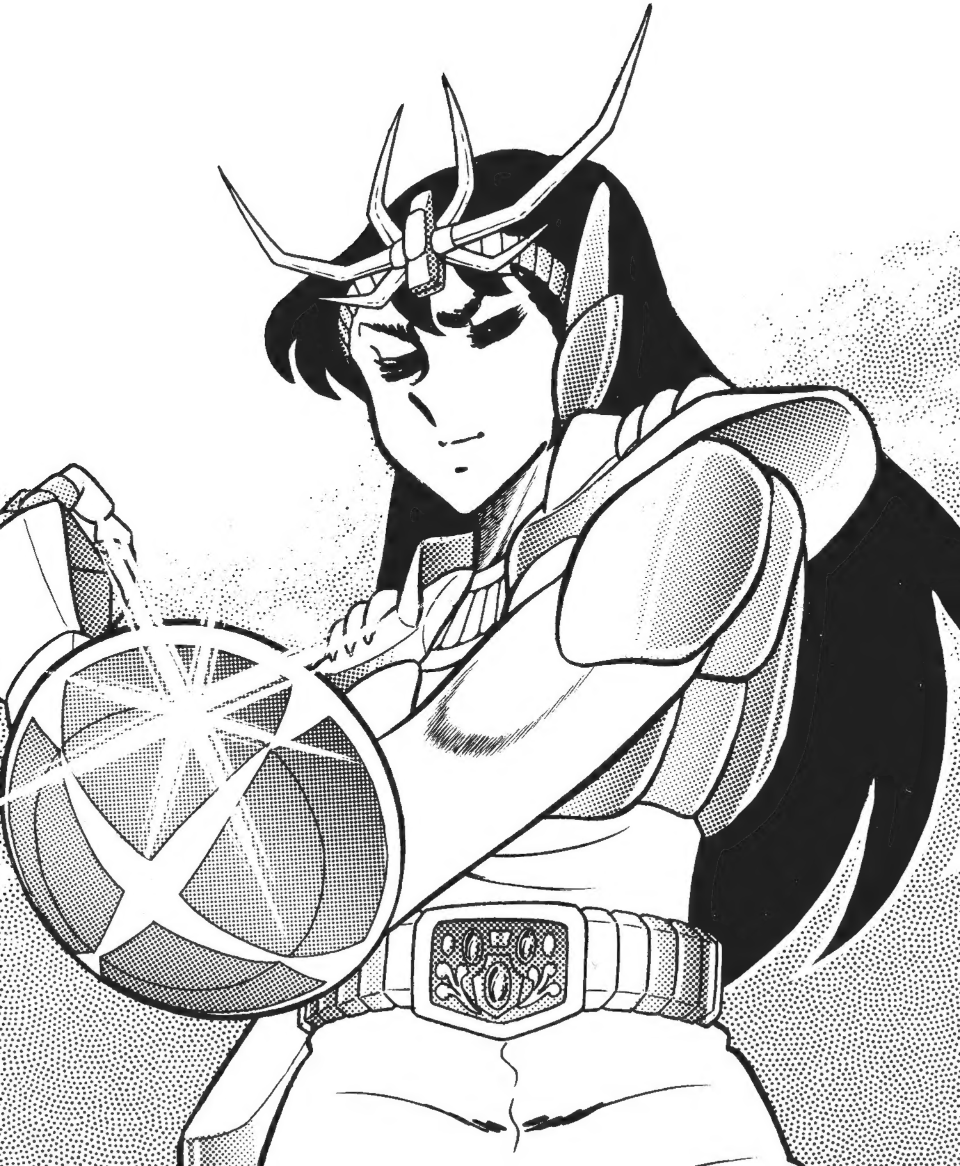
Even if all things burn to the ground, the Phoenix will resurrect itself from those ashes. Without suffering even a single scratch, possessing eternal life...! The *manga* world is continually burning. Even *manga* artists, who are running continuously, when they finally stop to take a breath, become enwrapped in a blaze of scarlet and turn to ash. However, I shall aim to become a Phoenix—like *manga* artist, who can rise once more even from such ashes.

Masami Kurumada made his manga debut back in 1974 with **Sukeban Arashi** (Delinquent Storm), which was a story of the life of a teenage girl. His first big hit came in 1977 with the popular title **Ring ni Kakero** (Put it all in the Ring). Later in 1986 he had truly hit it big when he created Saint Seiya (Knights of the Zodiac), which was first serialized in Shonen Jump magazine, then went to span 28 volumes, 114 TV episodes, plus 4 movies, and a videogame!



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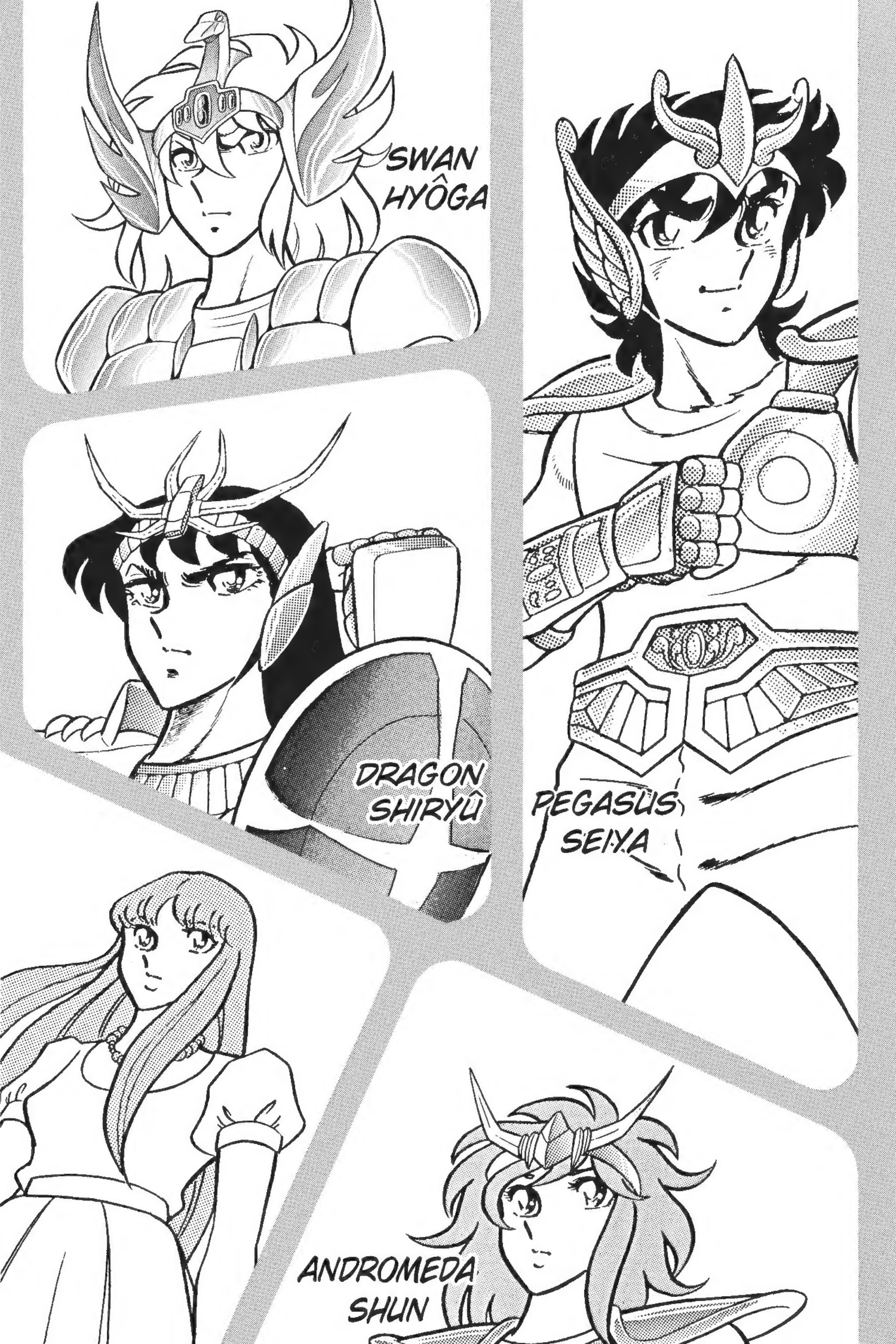
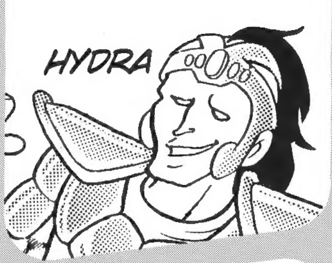
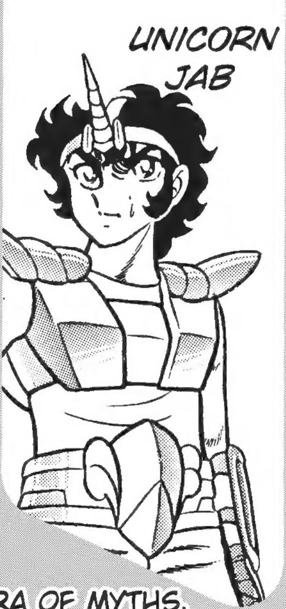

SWAN HYÔGA
PEGASUS SEIYA
DRAGON SHIRYÛ
ANDROMEDA SHUN





IN THE ERA OF MYTHS, THERE WERE YOUTHS WHO PROTECTED THE GREEK GODDESS ATHENA. KNOWN AS ATHENA'S KNIGHTS, THEIR PUNCHES WERE SAID TO REND THE SKY AND THEIR KICKS TO SPLIT THE EARTH. THE GRANDE FOUNDATION'S LORD NOBU, SENT 100 ORPHANED YOUTHS ALL OVER THE WORLD TO TRAIN AS KNIGHTS. SIX YEARS LATER, 10 YOUTHS HAVE RETURNED CARRYING THE CLOTHS THAT ARE PROOF OF THEIR KNIGHTHOOD. LORD NOBU'S GRANDDAUGHTER PRINCESS SIENNA, HAS LAUNCHED A GALAXY TOURNAMENT OFFERING THE KNIGHT'S HIGHEST STATUS SYMBOL THE GOLD CLOTH AS THE GRAND PRIZE. EACH KNIGHT HAS THEIR OWN REASON FOR FIGHTING DEEP WITHIN THEIR HEARTS. WHOEVER HAS THE STRONGEST HEART WILL PREVAIL IN THIS FIERCE KNIGHT VS. KNIGHT BATTLE!!

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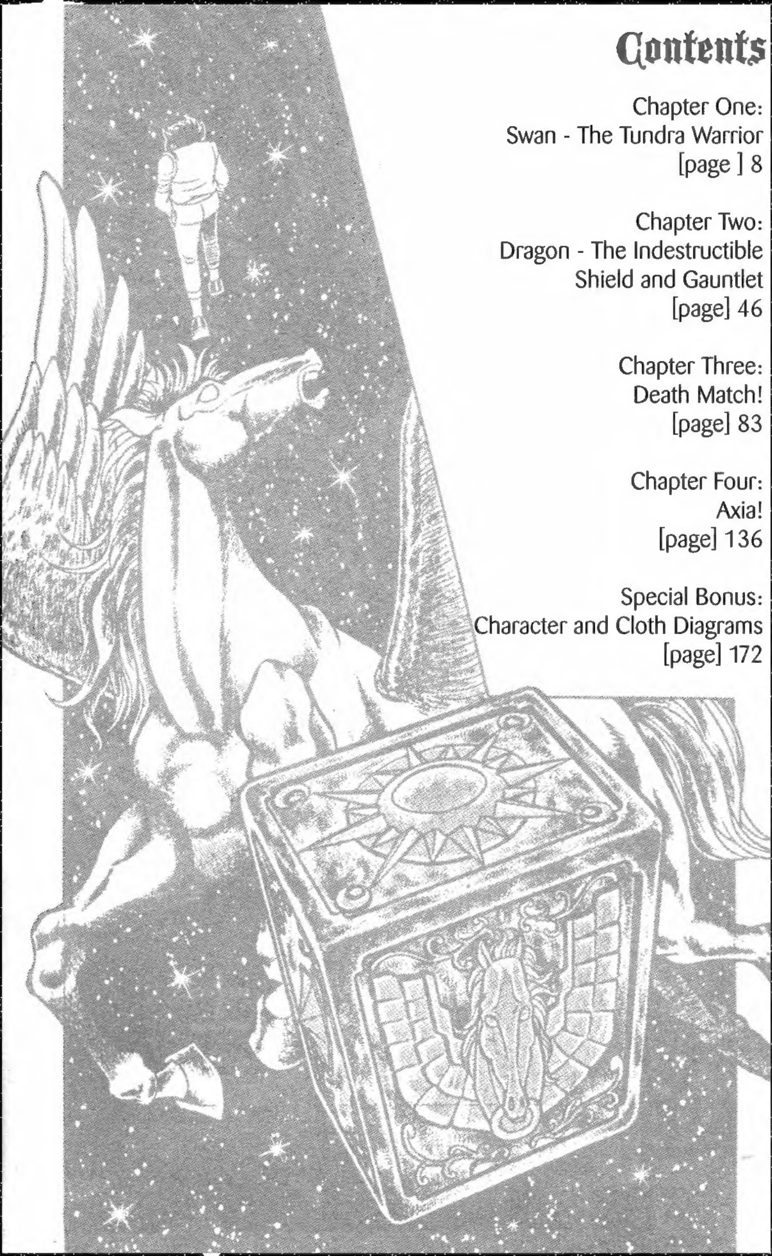

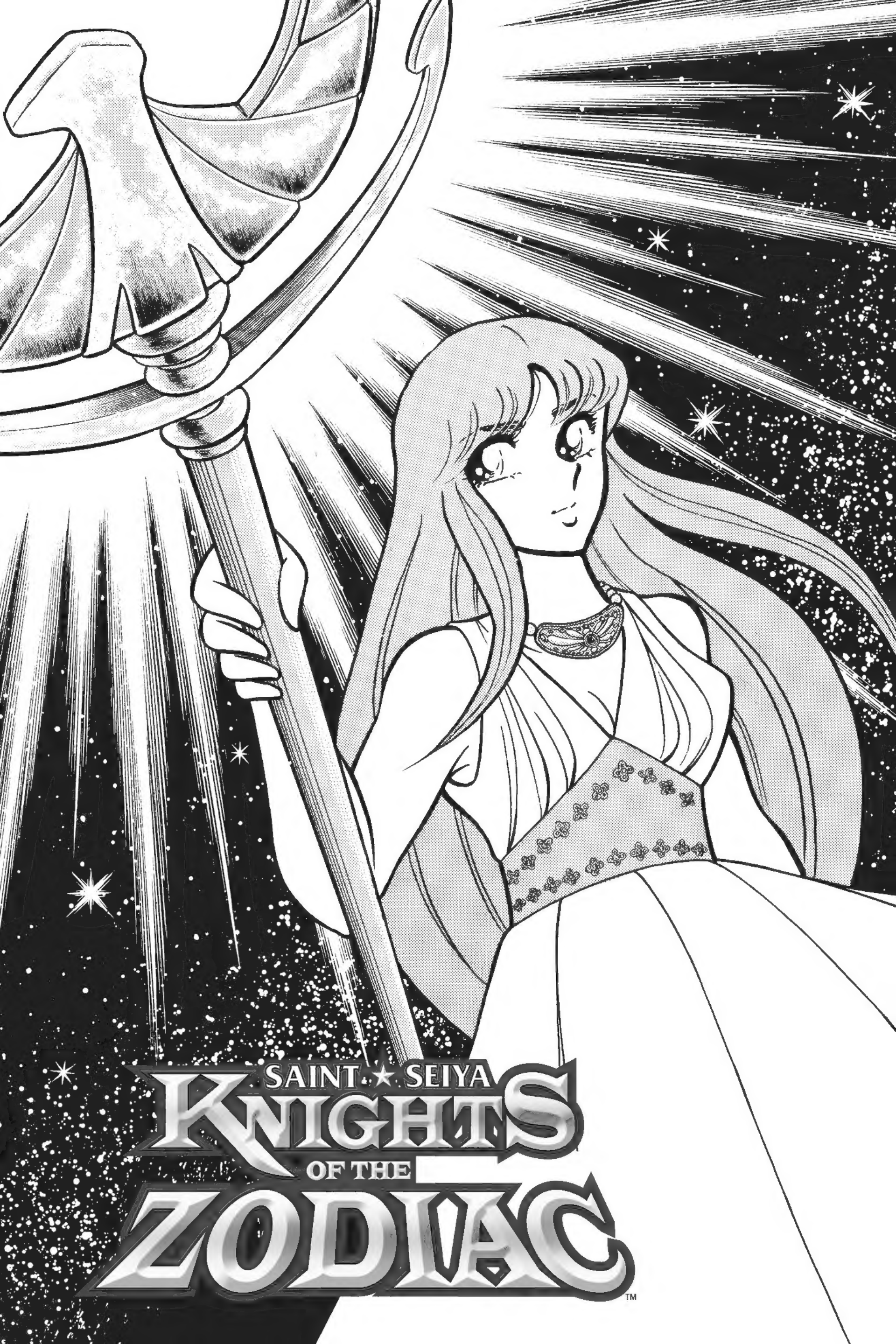
SAINT SEIYA
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ZODIAC

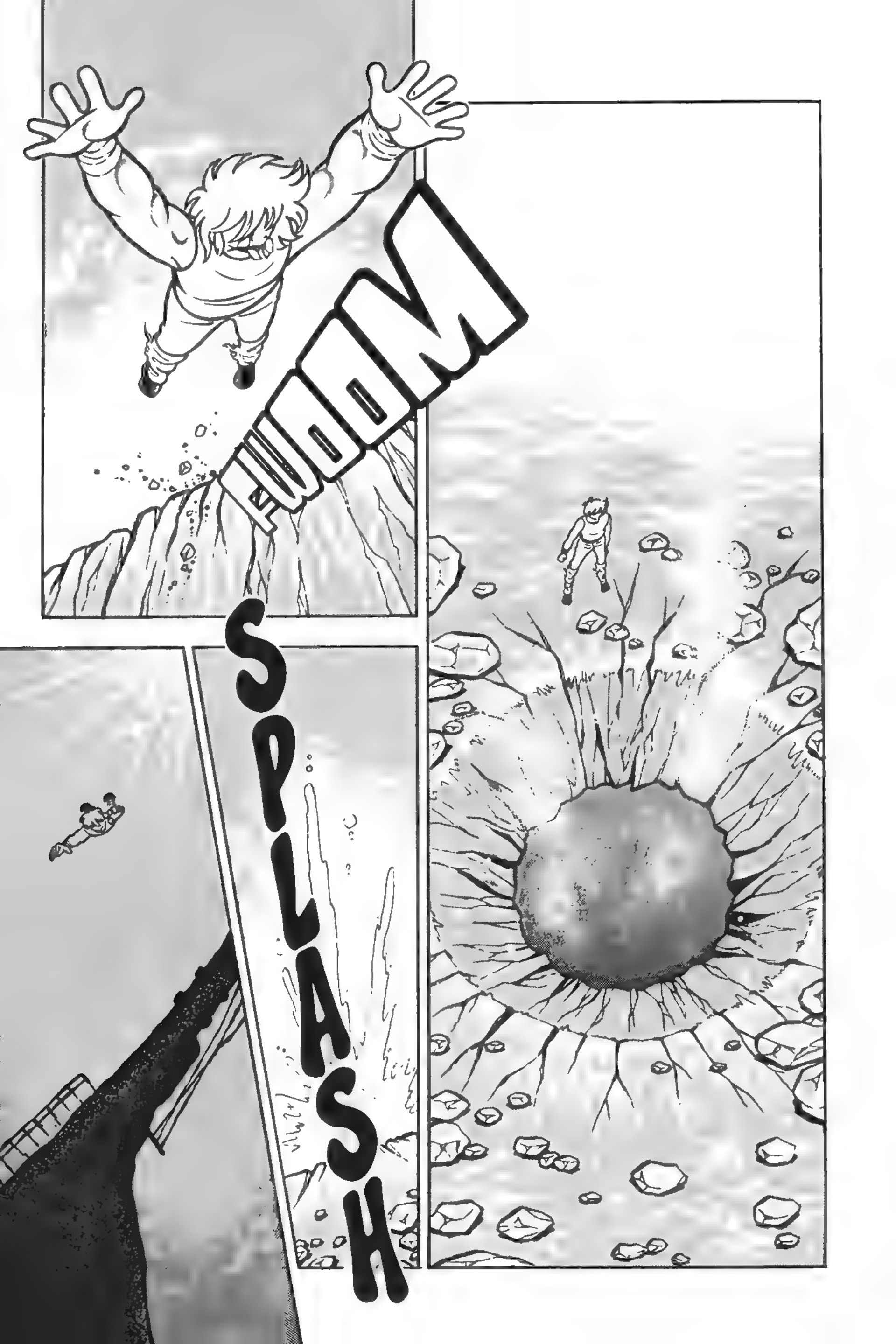
CHAPTER 1: SWAN THE TUNDRA WARRIOR

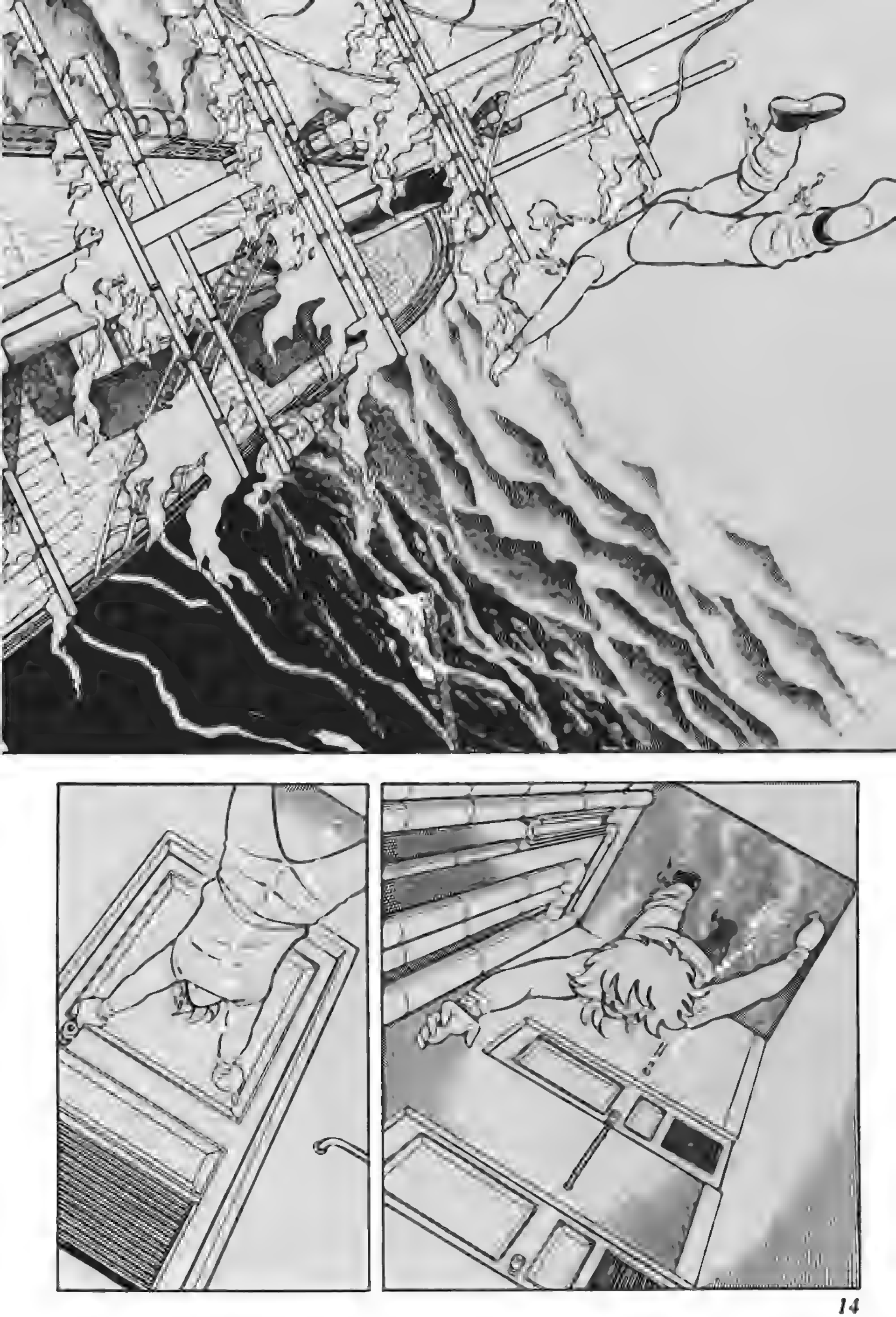
YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY
ATTENTION! THE THIRD MATCH IS DELAYED! PHOENIX STILL HAS NOT ARRIVED. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE.
FIRST SWAN, NOW PHOENIX? WHAT'S GOING ON?
THEY MUST HAVE CAUGHT A CHILL IN THE WINDS OF COWARDICE!
IT'S NO WONDER, ESPECIALLY IN SWAN'S CASE. HE ISN'T EVEN JAPANESE.
WHAT?
DIDN'T YOU KNOW? SWAN'S HALF RUSSIAN...
TH-THAT MEANS THE SWAN KNIGHT MUST BE...HYÔGA!!

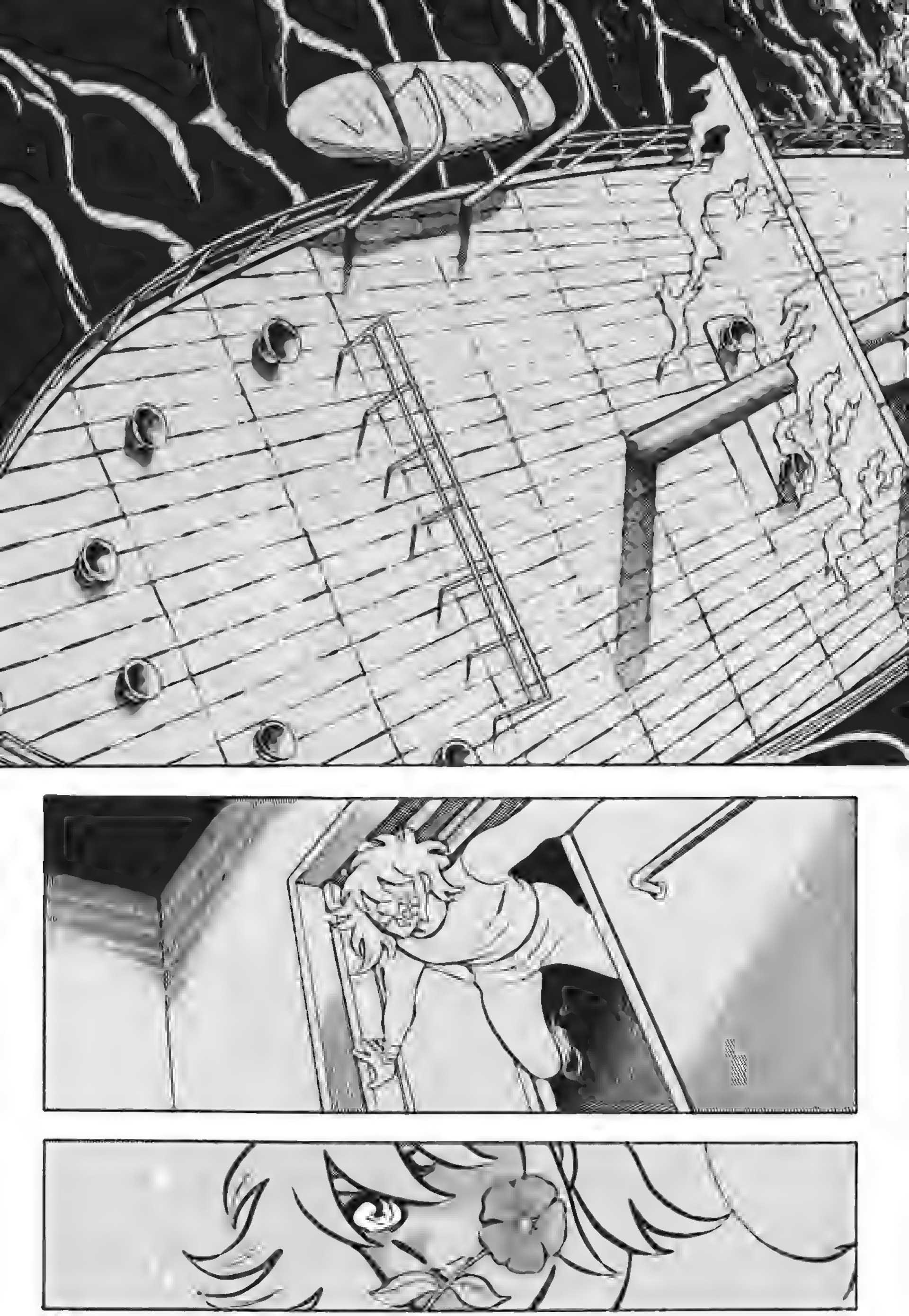
EASTERN SIBERIAN SEA--

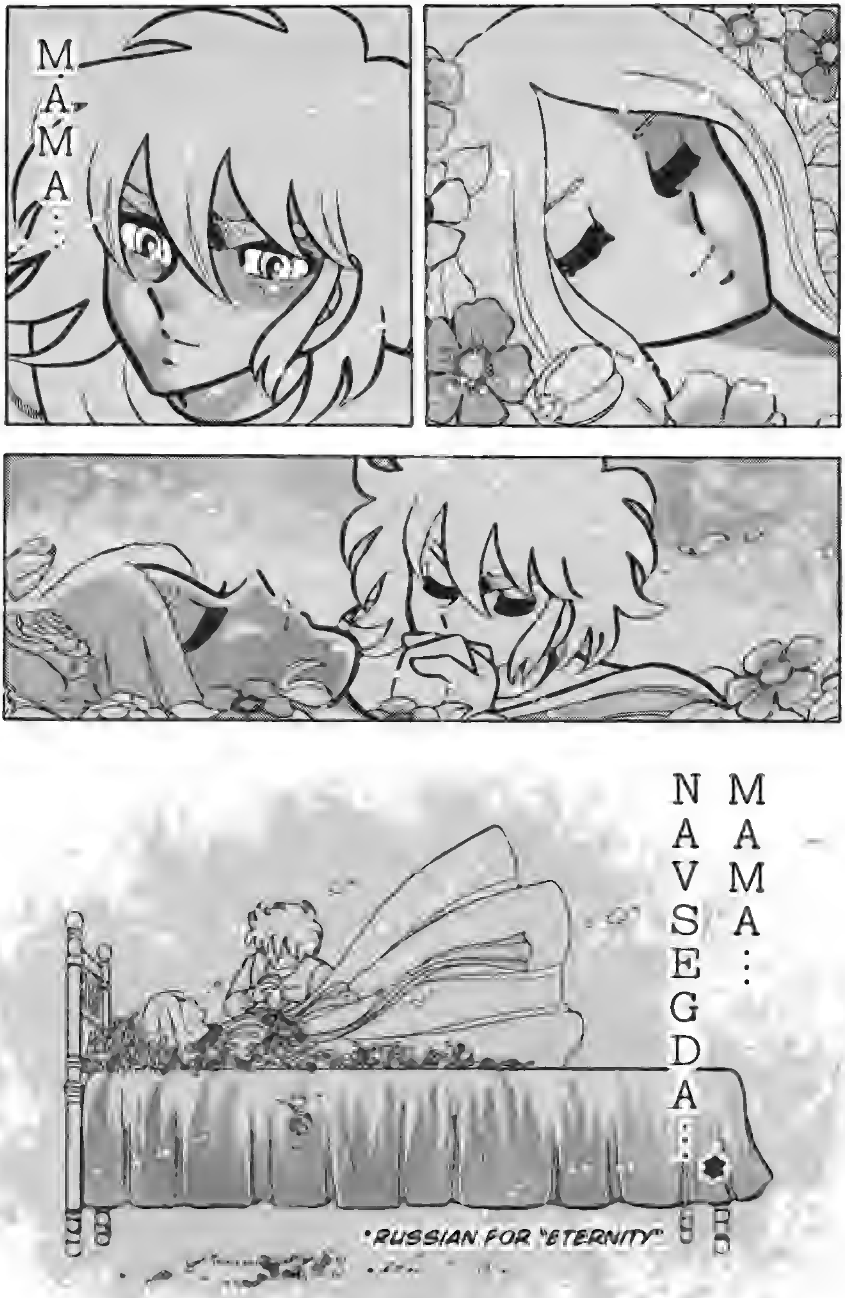
KRUNCH
WUP

KA
BOOM


FUOOM
SPLASH






MAMA…
NAVSEGDA…*
MAMA…
*RUSSIAN FOR "ETERNITY"

HFF
HFF
HFF
HYÔGA,
HFF
HFF
YOU WENT TO VISIT MAMA AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU, HYÔGA?
YOU BREAK THROUGH THE ICE AND VISIT HER EVERY DAY. DON'T YOU EVER GET BORED OF IT, HYÔGA?

JACOB, HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU NOT TO COME HERE? THIS PLACE IS...
I KNOW, HYÔGA.
THIS IS A HOLY PLACE WHERE YOUR MAMA SLEEPS...
WHEN WINTER COMES, THE OCEAN AROUND HERE FREEZES TO SOLID ICE SEVERAL METERS THICK......
SO YOU BREAK THROUGH THE ICE AND SWIM DOWN TO THE FLOOR OF THE OCEAN...
AND FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN YOU HOLD YOUR BREATH, YOU STAY BY YOUR MAMA'S SIDE, AND THEN YOU COME BACK UP FOR AIR.
IF A NORMAL MAN FELL INTO THIS OCEAN, HE WOULD DIE IN 15 MINUTES BUT, HYÔGA, YOU SWIM IN IT FOR ALMOST AN HOUR...

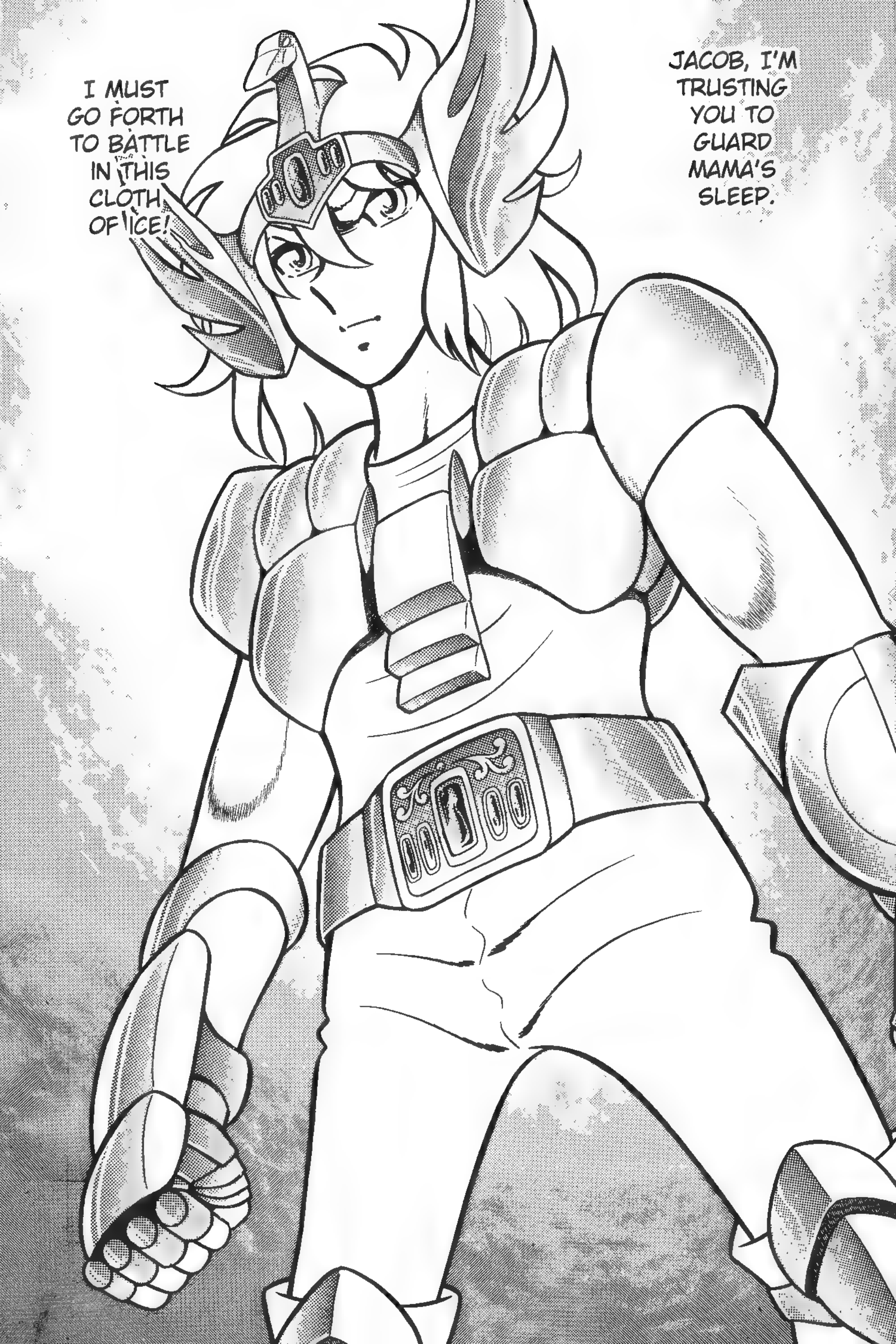
HMM, IT'S PROBABLY FROM THAT GRANDE FOUNDATION IN TOKYO, RIGHT?
WELL, THEY CAN BEG ALL THEY WANT. I'M NOT GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT CIRCUS THEY CALL A TOURNAMENT.
JACOB, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO FOR YOUR CHATTER. IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY BUSINESS HERE, GO HOME!
OH...I ALMOST FORGOT! A LETTER CAME FOR YOU!
WHAT?
NO, HYÔGA, THIS LETTER CAME FROM GREECE.
WHAT COULD SANCTUARY WANT FROM ME!?

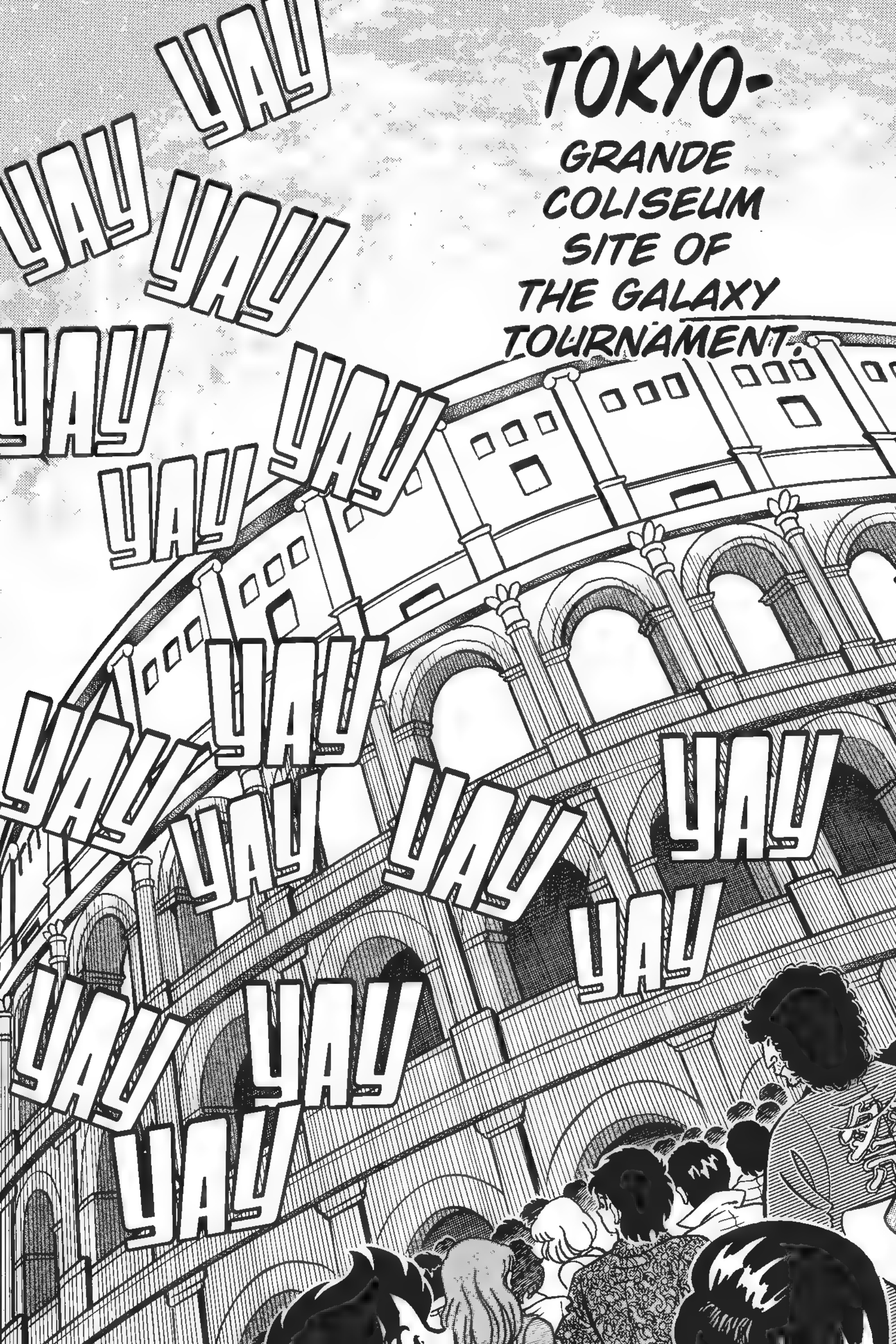
HYÔGA, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? YOUR HOUSE ISN'T THAT WAY!
YOU'RE NOT GOING HOME, HYÔGA?
I'M NOT GOING HOME... ANY MORE.
...
HUH?
H-HYÔGA, A PERMANENT GLACIAL RIDGE?
JACOB, THIS IS DANGER-OUS, SO STAY BACK.
YOU'RE PLANNING TO SMASH THAT? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE EVEN FOR YOU!!
THAT ICE HASN'T MELTED FOR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YEARS! YOUR HAND IS THE ONLY THING YOU'LL BREAK!
KRUNCH
KRUNCH

KRA
GARROOM

HY-
ROWRR
HYÔGA...?
OH!
WHAT'S THAT!?
IT'S... THE SWAN CLOTH!!

WOOOOOSH
KLANK
I WAS GRANTED THE STATUS OF KNIGHT SOME TIME AGO, BUT I HADN'T YET BEEN GIVEN MY CLOTH.
IT ALSO ORDERED ME TO EXECUTE SEIYA AND THE OTHER KNIGHTS WHO HAVE VIOLATED THE LAWS OF KNIGHTHOOD...
KLANK
THAT LETTER WAS A MESSAGE FROM SANCTUARY SAYING THAT MY CLOTH WAS SLEEPING WITHIN THIS PERMANENT GLACIAL RIDGE.


JACOB, I'M TRUSTING YOU TO GUARD MAMA'S SLEEP.
I MUST GO FORTH TO BATTLE IN THIS CLOTH OF ICE!


TOKYO-
GRANDE COLISEUM SITE OF THE GALAXY TOURNAMENT.
YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY

ATTENTION! NORMALLY, SWAN AND PHOENIX WOULD FORFEIT THEIR MATCHES DUE TO THEIR ABSENCE, BUT UPON DELIBERATION THE OFFICIATORS HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE THEM A LITTLE MORE TIME...
AND IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL PROCEED TO THE MATCH BETWEEN PEGASUS AND DRAGON!
YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY
THEY'RE STILL NOT HERE?!
WHAT'RE THEY DOING? ARE THEY GONNA FIGHT OR WHAT?
HEH, THANKS TO THEM, OUR MATCHES HAVE BEEN MOVED UP.
THANKS TO THOSE COWARDS SWAN AND PHOENIX I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO PROPERLY RECUPERATE.
HUNH?!
YOU CAN REST IF YOU WANT, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE FOR TOO LONG...
KLONK
Y-YOU'RE ...!

HYÔGA!!
A REUNION OF FELLOW ORPHANS SHOULD BE A JOYFUL OCCASION, BUT CELEBRATION WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TODAY.
BECAUSE I'VE COME FROM THE FAR NORTH SEA TO BURY ALL OF YOU.
WHAT!?

MILADY, THAT HALF-BREED HYOGA HAS FINALLY ARRIVED.
GOOD, HAVE HIM FIGHT IMMEDIATELY.
NOW THAT SWAN IS HERE, WE WILL REVERT TO THE ORIGINAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE.
FACING SWAN WILL BE HYDRA!!
yay
yay
yay
yay
yay
yay
yay
BLINK

YAY
YAY
YAY
HEH HEH, YOU SAY YOU CAME TO BURY US...
YAY
YAY
YAY
THAT'S BOLD TALK FOR SOMEONE TOO COWARDLY TO SHOW UP ON TIME, YOU RUSSIAN PIG.
HEH HEH, WHO CARES? YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE ERASED FROM THIS WORLD ANYWAY.
wip
THANKS TO THIS HYDRA'S FANGS!
YOU'RE MISTAKEN. MY MOTHER IS RUSSIAN, BUT MY FATHER IS JAPANESE.

IS THIS A JOKE? YOU CAN'T HARM ANYONE WITH A SLOW-MOTION ATTACK.
YECK... TH-THAT'S GROSS--!!
WH-WHAT'S WITH HYDRA'S WRITHING-SERPENT POSE!?
SWOOP
WH- WHAT THE--!?
SHUNK
HUH?!
CHINK

HEH HEH, YOU FELL FOR IT, HYÔGA!
MY STRONG HYDRA FANGS CAN EVEN PIERCE CLOTHS! THEY COULD TEAR YOUR FLESH TO RIBBONS.
BUT YOU'LL BE DEAD SOON FROM THE FANG VENOM THAT'S SPREADING THROUGH YOUR BODY.
KLAK

KRESH
WHUP
AND...
SO NOW YOU WANT ME TO CHASE YOU AROUND THE ARENA UNTIL THE VENOM CIRCULATES THROUGH ME AND I COLLAPSE?
HEH HEH, THAT WOULD BE TOO ARTLESS.
FWIP
WE BOTH BEGAN AS LOWLY ORPHANS AND BECAME KNIGHTS.
SO I'LL BE KIND AND FINISH YOU WITH ONE KILLING BLOW.

boof boof boof boof boof
boof boof boof
THERE, HYOGA, EACH BLOW IS ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS DEATH! HAVE A GOOD DEEP TASTE OF THIS!!
HMPH. THAT HYÔGA MUST BE STUPID TO STRIKE A POSE AND LET HYDRA PUMMEL HIM LIKE THAT.
YOU SAID YOU'D STRIKE THE MORTAL BLOW, BUT YOUR PUNCHES ARE AS SOFT AS BEFORE.
AND SINCE YOU'RE DE-FANGED NOW, I DON'T EVEN NEED TO BLOCK YOUR PUNCHES.
HEH HEH HEH, FINE BY ME...
WHAK

WHOA!
SHUNK
AAAAH!
SO NOW YOU HAVE THREE MORE ENVENOMED WOUNDS. YOU'VE HASTENED YOUR OWN DEATH, HYÔGA.
HEH HEH, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU, BROKEN FANGS REGENERATE--INSTANTLY AND END-LESSLY.
WHAT...
!

WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING? IS THE VENOM ALREADY ROTTING YOUR BRAIN?
HA HA, I SEE...
THE HYDRA OF THE LERNA SWAMP IN GREECE'S ARGOLIS HAD NINE HEADS. IF YOU SEVERED ONE HEAD, A NEW ONE WOULD SPROUT IN ITS PLACE, SPITTING VENOM.
IT SEEMS YOUR FANGS HAVE THE SAME ABILITY.
HUH?!
I'D BETTER MAKE SURE YOUR FANGS NEVER REGENERATE FROM YOUR FISTS AGAIN.
KLAK
AAGH!

H-HYÔGA'S HAND ON MY WRIST BURNS LIKE ICE!!
AAAAH! WHAT IS THIS ICY AURA!?
TMP
I-IT'S LIKE I'VE SUFFERED FROSTBITE...
N-NO WAY! I CAN'T FEEL MY RIGHT ARM...
CHINK
WORSE, I'VE FROZEN YOUR ARM SOLID.
YOU'LL NEVER USE IT AGAIN.
OW!

FWOOOM
IMPOSS-
IBLE--!!
THWAK
SHUNK
SH

HIS FISTS AREN'T THE ONLY THINGS THAT BITE------
WHOA! FANGS SPRANG FROM HYDRA'S KNEES, TOO!!
YOU STILL DON'T GET IT, HYDRA.
NOT EVEN ONE AS STRONG AS YOU CAN LAST LONG WITH THAT MUCH VENOM FLOWING IN YOUR VEINS.
HEH HEH HEH, YOU LOSE AFTER ALL, HYÔGA.
WUP
WHA...
VIINK
EVEN THE FANGS IN HYOGA'S HEAD FROZE!?
WHOA...

HYDRA, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU ATTACK, YOUR VENOMOUS FANGS WON'T HURT ME.
WHA...
plish
krish
WHICH MEANS... D-DON'T TELL ME...
WHY IS IT TAKING SO LONG FOR THE VENOM TO WORK? EVEN A KNIGHT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD LONG AGO...
MY SWAN CLOTH BLOCKED THEM ALL.
RIGHT, YOUR FANGS NEVER TOUCHED MY FLESH.

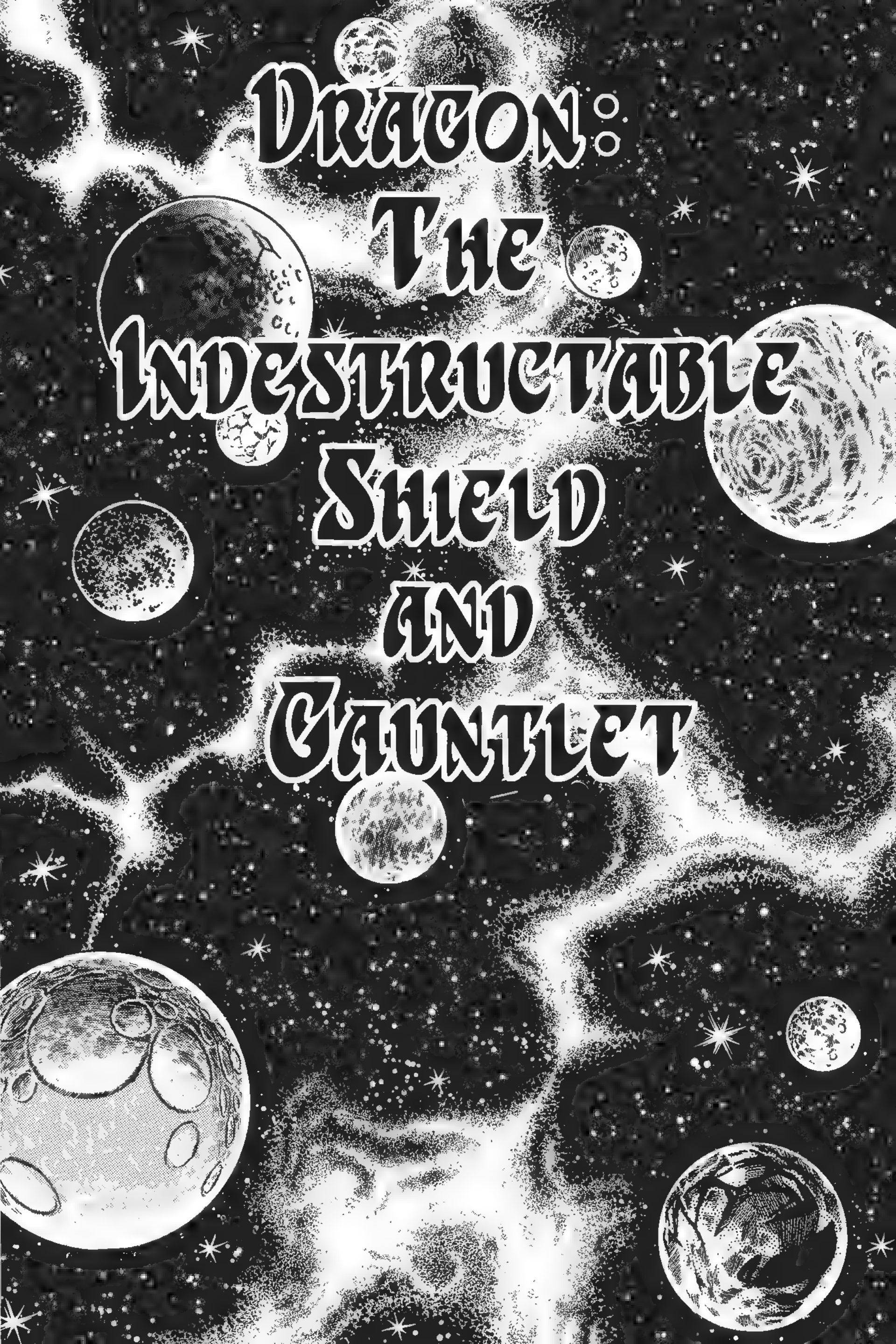
I'M SEEING GIANT SNOW CRYSTALS AROUND HYÔGA...
WH-WHAT THE...
THE SWAN CLOTH IS ICE CLOTH, BORN OF A PERMANENT GLACIAL RIDGE THAT HASN'T MELTED SINCE IT FORMED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FOURTH GREAT DILUVIAL EPOCH--THE GREAT ICE AGE--ONE MILLION YEARS AGO! NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF FANGS YOU HAVE, YOU CAN'T PIERCE IT OR DESTROY IT, NOT EVEN WITH THE POWER OF A KNIGHT.
I MUST BE HALLUCINATING... OR IS IT...
FIGURE IT OUT IN THE AFTERLIFE, HYDRA!

DIAMOND DUST-----

AAAAH....
KASHUNK

WH-WHOA... HYDRA FROZE INSTANTLY AND SHATTERED...
WH-WHAT A FEROCIOUS BLOW!
HYÔGA THE SWAN FROZE HIS SOUL!
OLICE

DUE TO THE MASSIVE DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY HYDRA, SWAN ADVANCES TO THE SECOND ROUND!
YOUR NEXT OPPONENT ...
ACCORDING TO THE TOURNAMENT CHART, THE NEXT KNIGHT I BURY WILL EITHER BE YOU, SEIYA, OR...
DRAGON SHIRYÛ!!


Dragon:
The
Indestructable
Shield
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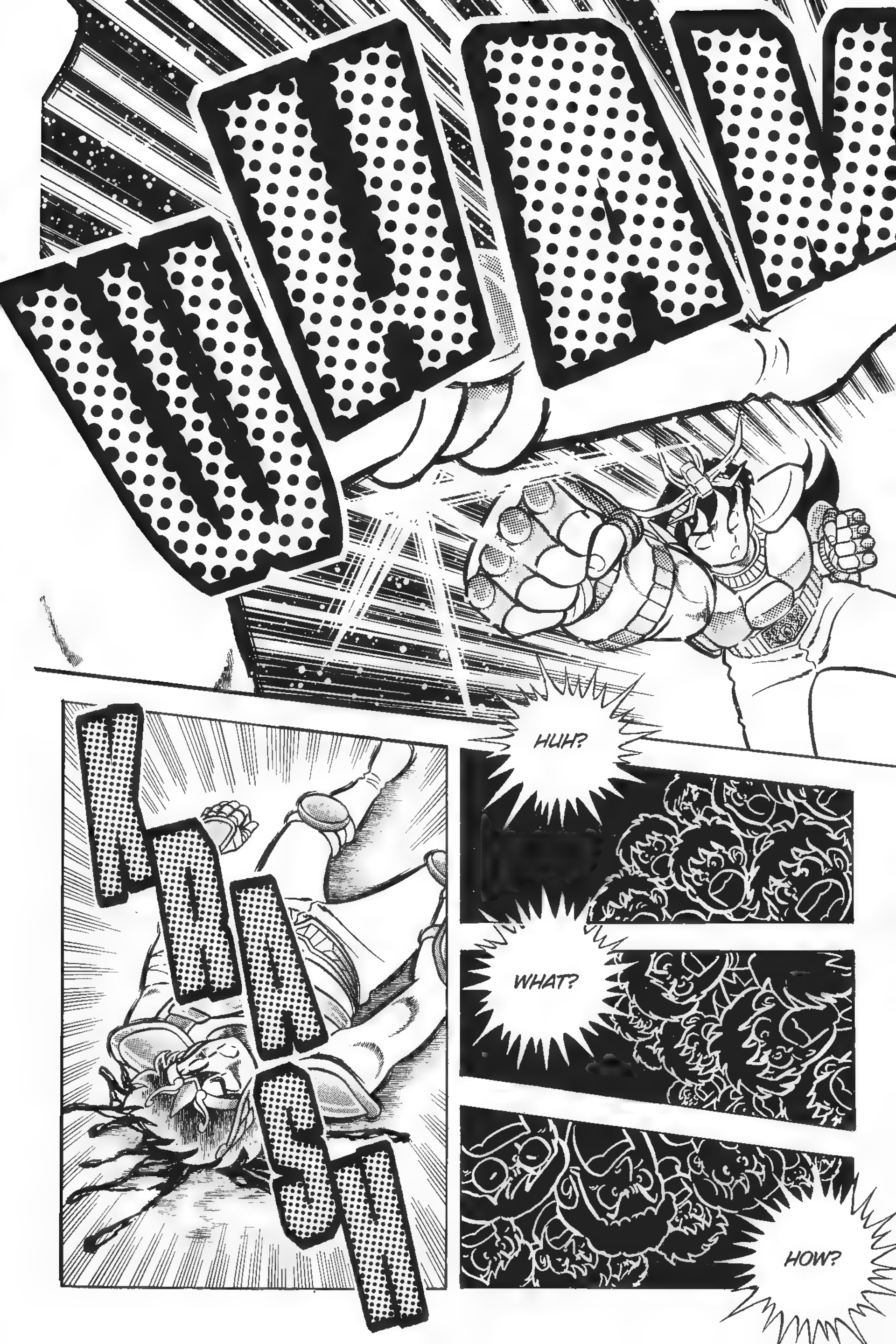
WE SHALL NOW COMMENCE THE SECOND ROUND MATCHES
GOLD CLOTH
PEGASUS
DRAGON
UNICORN
WOLF
PHOENIX
PEGASUS SEIYA VS. DRAGON SHIRYÛ!!
YAY YAY
YAY YAY YAY
GO, SEIYA! DESTROY DRAGON TOO!!
DON'T LOSE, SHIRYÛ!!

YAY
YAY
YAY
YAY
YAY
WHAT IS SUNREI DOING HERE!?
SUNREI...
WAKE UP AND FIGHT!
THE MATCH STARTED A WHILE AGO.
WHAT'S WRONG, DRAGON? YOUR MOUTH IS HANGING OPEN!

SOMETHING WRONG, SHIRYÛ...
SORRY, I JUST GLIMPSED THE FACE OF SOMEONE I KNOW...
HUH?
MY DEAR SUNREI, I'LL BE DONE IN JUST A MOMENT. PLEASE WAIT FOR ME!


HUH?
WHAT?
HOW?

SUNREI, WHY HAVE YOU COME TO JAPAN? IS SOMETHING WRONG?
WH- WHAT THE...
WITH JUST ONE BLOW...
S-SEIYA WAS TAKEN OUT!
RÔSHI...
SHIRYÛ, RÔSHI IS...
RÔSHI IS VERY ILL...

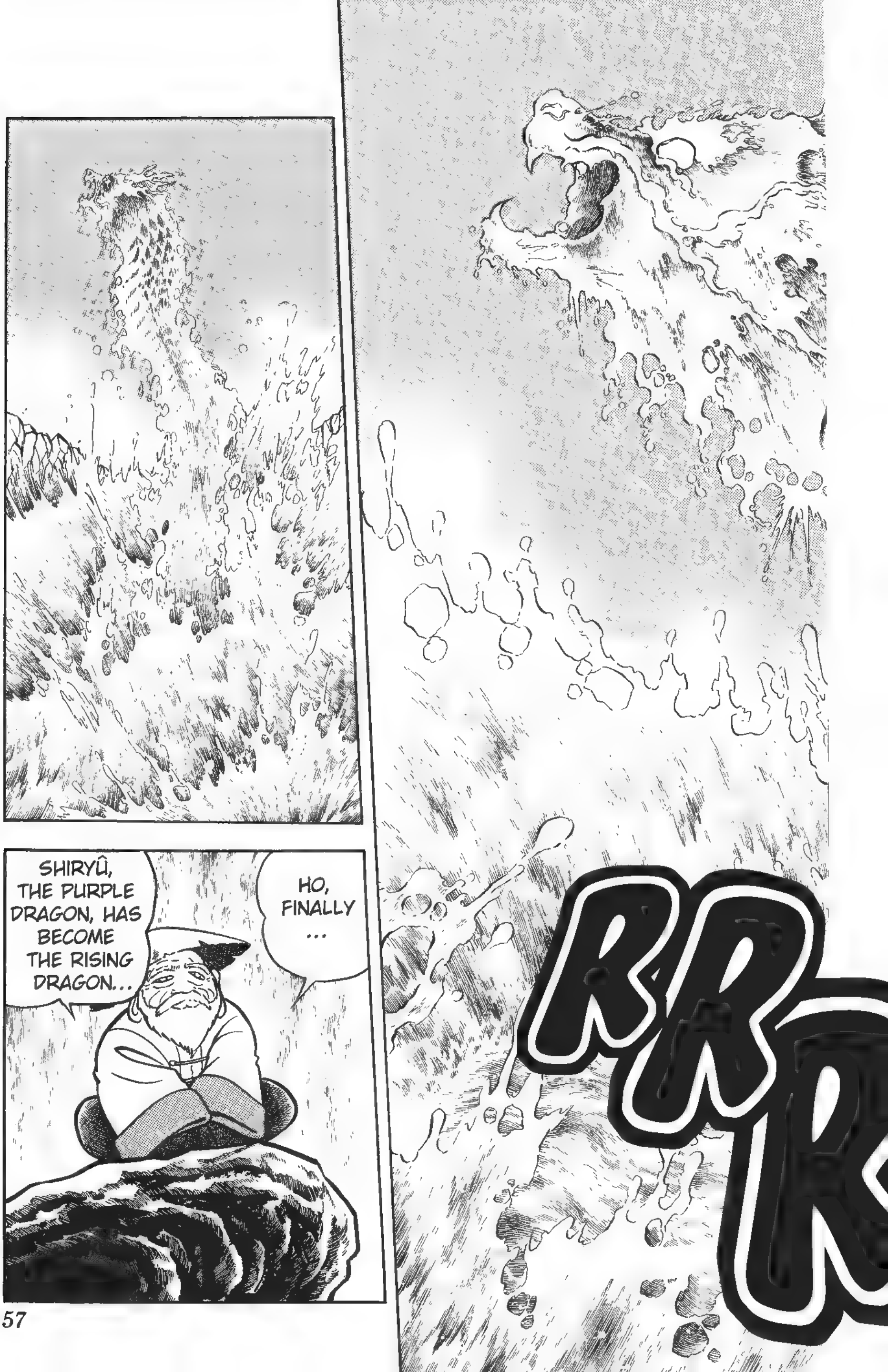
THROOOM
STILL CAN'T DO IT, SHIRYÛ...
NO, I CAN'T, RÔSHI!
HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU CAME TO GORÔHÔ?
A- ALMOST FIVE!

TSK, TSK. IN FIVE YEARS, EVEN A CHICK CAN TAKE TO THE SKIES.
B-BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, RÔSHI!
IMPOSS-IBLE?
YES! TO MAKE THIS GREAT WATERFALL OF ROZAN FLOW BACKWARD USING HUMAN STRENGTH GOES AGAINST THE LAWS OF NATURE!
WITHOUT SUPERHUMAN POWERS, A HUMAN'S STRENGTH CANNOT POSSIBLY BE ENOUGH!!
THROOOM

EVEN THAT GREAT YANGTZE RIVER SOMETIMES FLOWS BACKWARD, *EH?*
HO, THE LAWS OF NATURE DO NOT NECESSARILY STATE THAT SOMETHING MUST GO FROM UP TO DOWN OR FROM HIGH TO A LOW.
THERE IS NO REASON THAT YOU-- WHO HAVE STUDIED THE TRUTHS OF THE UNIVERSE THESE PAST 5 YEARS-- SHOULD NOT BE CAPABLE OF THIS.
DO IT! MAKE THIS GREAT WATERFALL FLOW BACKWARD, SHIRYÛ!
B-BUT RÔSHI...
SHUSH, SHIRYÛ...
YOU SAY THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT SUPER-NATURAL POWERS, BUT...
ARE NOT KNIGHTS PEOPLE WHO HAVE ACQUIRED SUPER-HUMAN POWERS?
UNH...

MUTSUKI
KISARAGI
"I DESIRE THE GREAT WATERFALL OF LU-SHAN" - IT IS EVEN WRITTEN THUS IN ONE OF THE POEMS OF THE MASTER POET RIHAKU!
"I STAND BELOW 3000 FEET OF FLYING WATER, POURING FROM THE NINE HEAVENS OF THE MILKY WAY!"
YAYOI
MARCH
SATSUKI
MAY
UZUKI
APRIL
MINAZUKI
JUNE
THAT'S RIGHT, SHIRYÛ, RETURN THAT GREAT WATERFALL THAT SEEMS TO FLOW AS IF FROM THE HEAVENS TO THE EARTH AND BACK TO THE HEAVENS!
FUZUKI
JULY
HATZUKI
AUGUST
SHIWASU
DECEMBER
SHIMOTSUKI
NOVEMBER
KANNAZUKI
OCTOBER
NAGATSUKI
SEPTEMBER
HE WHO CAN DO THAT IS WORTHY OF INHERITING THE DRAGON CLOTH!

OOR
RAR
HA!


HO, FINALLY ...
SHIRYÛ, THE PURPLE DRAGON, HAS BECOME THE RISING DRAGON...

VENERABLE RÔSHI IS...
A-ALL RIGHT, SUNREI, LET'S GO HOME.
HFF
HFF
YOU CAN STILL STAND, SEIYA...
SORRY TO DIS-APPOINT YOU.
SUNREI, WAIT JUST A LITTLE LONGER.
THIS SHOULD ONLY TAKE A SECOND.

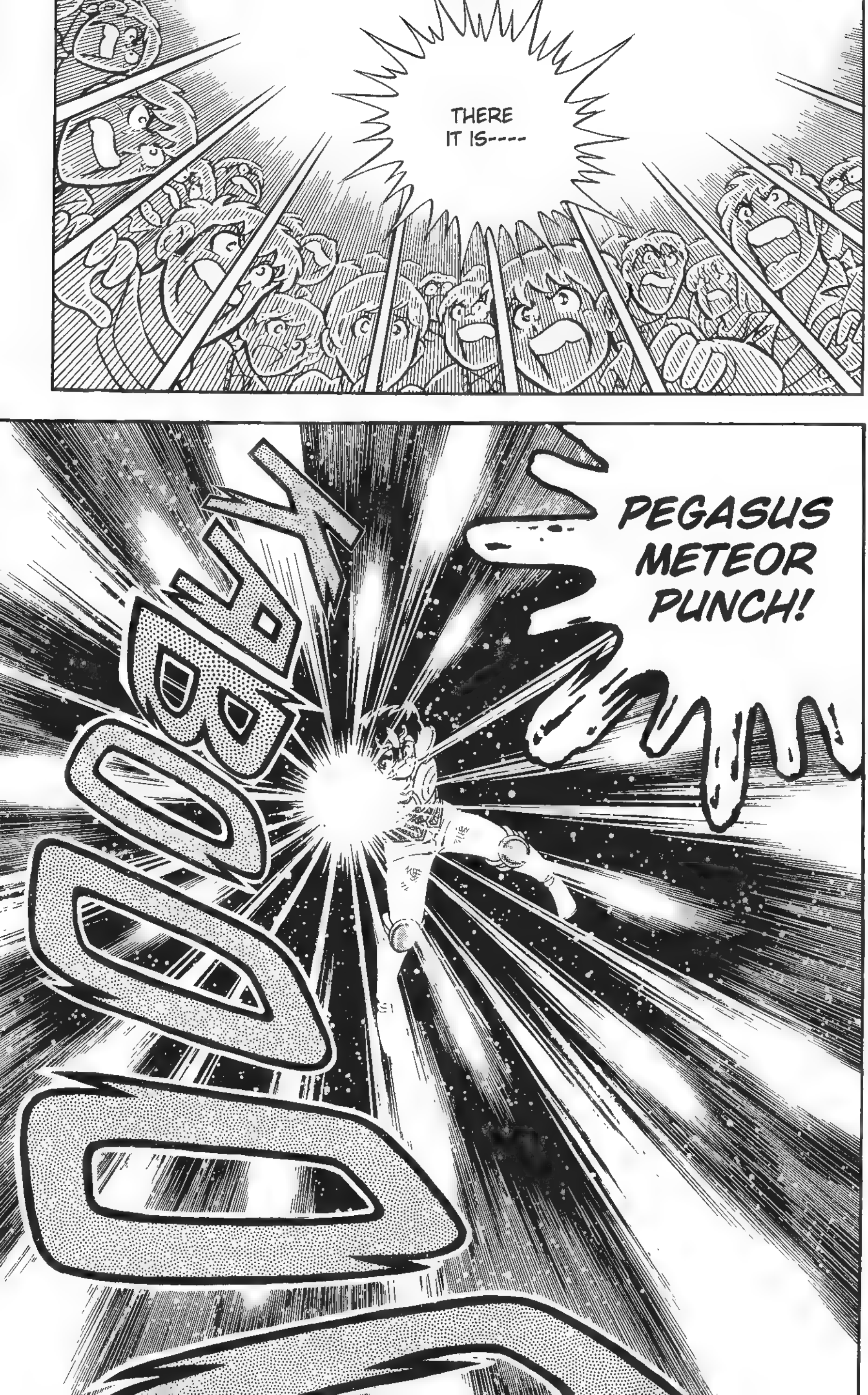
HEH, I'VE NO FEAR OF THAT.
AFTER THIS NEXT BLOW, YOU WON'T GET UP AGAIN.
DON'T COUNT ON IT, DRAGON!
YOU DON'T WANT TO LIE TO THAT GIRL, DO YOU?
FOR THIS IS DRAGON'S ULTIMATE SECRET MOVE.
IT WAS TAUGHT TO ME BY RÔSHI IN CHINA'S GORÔHÔ-- THE PEAKS OF THE FIVE ELDERS!
OH!
WHAT?!
WHAT ARE THEY!?

ROZAN RISING DRAGON BLOW!

WHOA!
OKAY, SUNREI, NOW WE'LL GO.
SH-SHIRYÛ... NOT YET...
SPLAT

IMPOSSIBLE! YOU TOOK THE RISING DRAGON BLOW FULL FORCE! IT SHOULD HAVE FINISHED YOU...
A-ARE YOU INVUL-NERABLE, SEIYA...
I-I'M NOT INVULNERABLE, BUT I ALSO HAVE REASONS NOT TO LOSE...
NOW, IT'S MY TURN...

UNH!
FWOOM
TAKE THIS, SHIRYÛ----


THERE IT IS----
PEGASUS METEOR PUNCH!

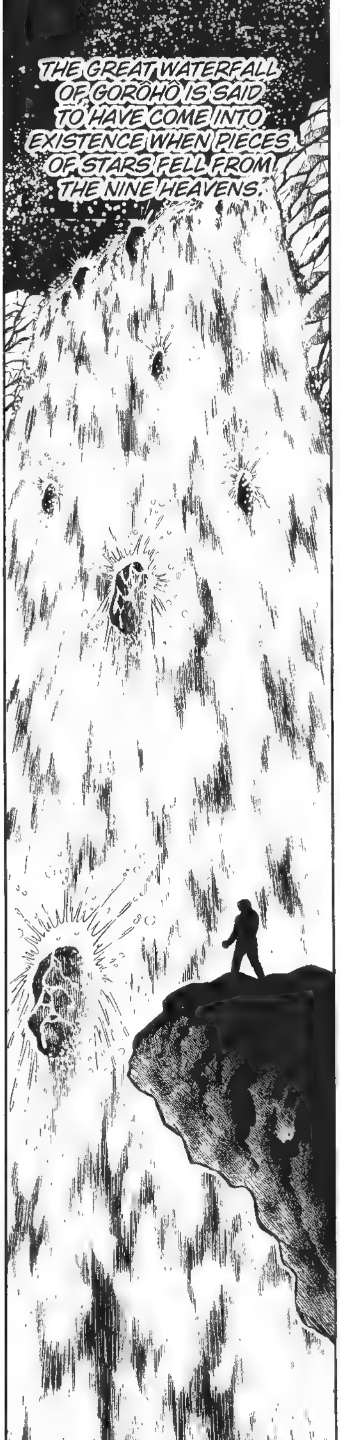
HMM, SO THAT'S THE METEOR PUNCH THAT MADE YOU A KNIGHT...
I CAN SEE THAT YOU'RE THROWING OVER 100 BLOWS A SECOND.
BUT NO MATTER HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF BLOWS YOU THROW, THEY WILL NOT HURT ME.
KLANG

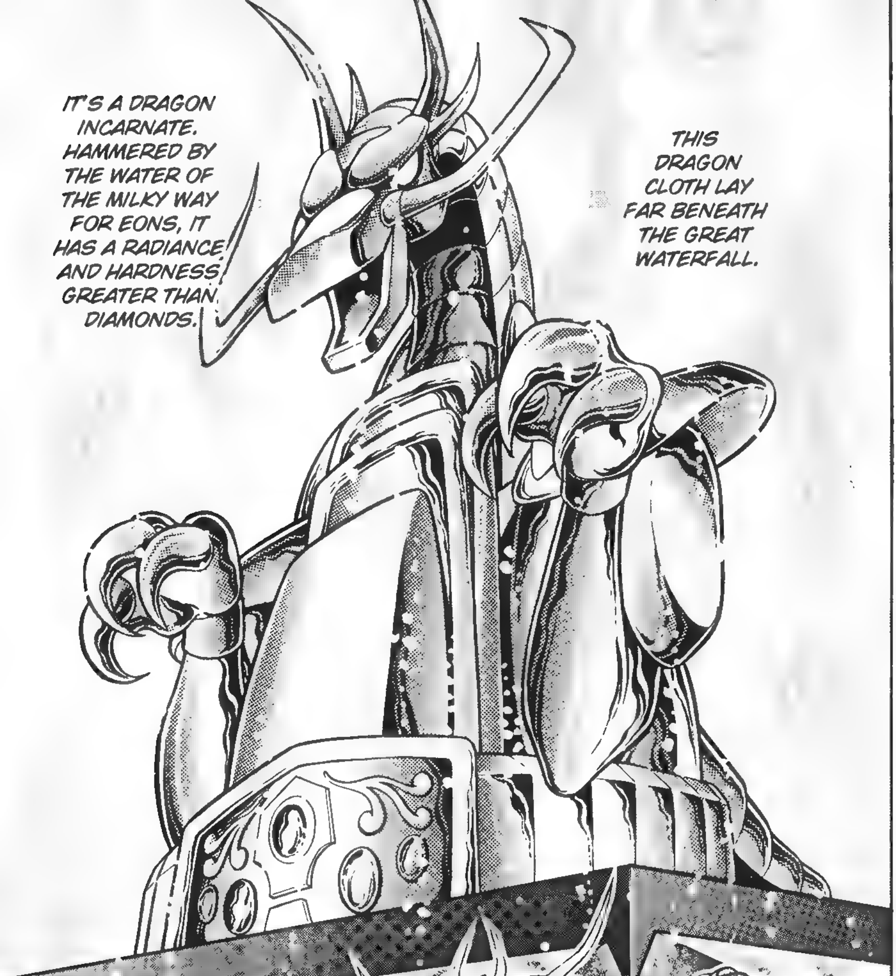
wang
wang
wang
wang
wang
wang
wang
wang
wang
HE BLOCKED EVERY ONE OF THE METEOR PUNCHES!
WHOA!
fssssss

N-NO WAY!
NO MATTER HOW STRONG HIS CLOTH'S SHIELD IS, THERE HAS TO BE A CRACK IN IT AFTER TAKING A HUNDRED PUNCHES...
HMM...SO THAT'S THE LEGENDARY DRAGON'S SHIELD, EH?
AGAINST THAT SHIELD, SEIYA'S DEFEAT IS CERTAIN.
UGH!

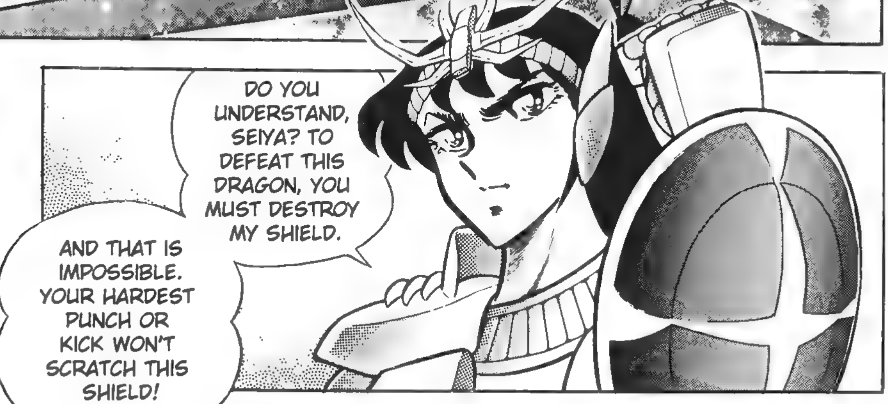
KLANG
THIS SHIELD ON MY LEFT ARM IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER CLOTH PIECE.
HEH, YOU STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND, SEIYA?
A-ALL OF THE PUNCHES WERE BLOCKED AGAIN!
WHOA!
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON...

I TRAINED TO BE A KNIGHT AT THE FAMED GORÔHÔ IN CHINA'S ROZAN, FAMOUS FOR ITS DRAGON-GOD LEGENDS.
神龍躍空
RYÛ (DRAGON)
(SKY-FLYING DRAGON GOD)


THE GREAT WATERFALL OF GORÔHÔ IS SAID TO HAVE COME INTO EXISTENCE WHEN PIECES OF STARS FELL FROM THE NINE HEAVENS.



IT'S A DRAGON INCARNATE. HAMMERED BY THE WATER OF THE MILKY WAY FOR EONS, IT HAS A RADIANCE AND HARDNESS GREATER THAN DIAMONDS.
THIS DRAGON CLOTH LAY FAR BENEATH THE GREAT WATERFALL.



DO YOU UNDERSTAND, SEIYA? TO DEFEAT THIS DRAGON, YOU MUST DESTROY MY SHIELD.
AND THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE. YOUR HARDEST PUNCH OR KICK WON'T SCRATCH THIS SHIELD!

HEH, NEVER MIND, THAT'S A STUPID QUESTION TO ASK A KNIGHT.
I'LL JUST HAVE TO SHOW YOU THAT YOU'VE LOST.
NOW THAT YOU KNOW THIS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SURRENDER, SEIYA...
WH- WHAT?
WITNESS CAREFULLY YOUR OWN DEFEAT!!
HERE I COME, SEIYA!
WHAM
UGH, WHO DO YOU INTEND TO DEFEAT WITH THAT PUNY PUNCH...

WHAT?!
KRRUNSH
WHAM

SPLAT
TWITCH
TWITCH
THE DRAGON CLOTH HAS BOTH AN INDESTRUCTABLE SHIELD AND AN INVINCIBLE GAUNTLET!
THE GUANTLET ON MY RIGHT ARM IS AS INDESTRUCTIBLE AS MY SHIELD!
WHOA! SEIYA'S CLOTH CRUMBLED WHERE IT BLOCKED DRAGON'S BLOW!
THEN DRAGON'S RIGHT GAUNTLET MUST ALSO BE...
CLUB

N-NO...
I-IS IT REALLY AS SHIRYU SAYS? IS MY DEFEAT INEVITABLE..........
A-AN INDESTRUCTABLE SHIELD...AND AN INVINCIBLE GAUNTLET...
W-WAIT... MARIN TOLD ME A STORY LIKE THAT ONCE.
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THAT WAS ABOUT AN INVINCIBLE SPEAR AND SHIELD.........
THE STORY WAS HANDED DOWN FROM ANCIENT CHINA. THERE WAS A GUY WHO WAS SELLING SPEARS AND SHIELDS.....
HE CLAIMED THAT HIS SHIELDS WERE SO TOUGH NO SPEAR COULD PENETRATE THEM, AND THAT HIS SPEARS WERE SO SHARP THEY COULD PIERCE ANY SHIELD. BUT...

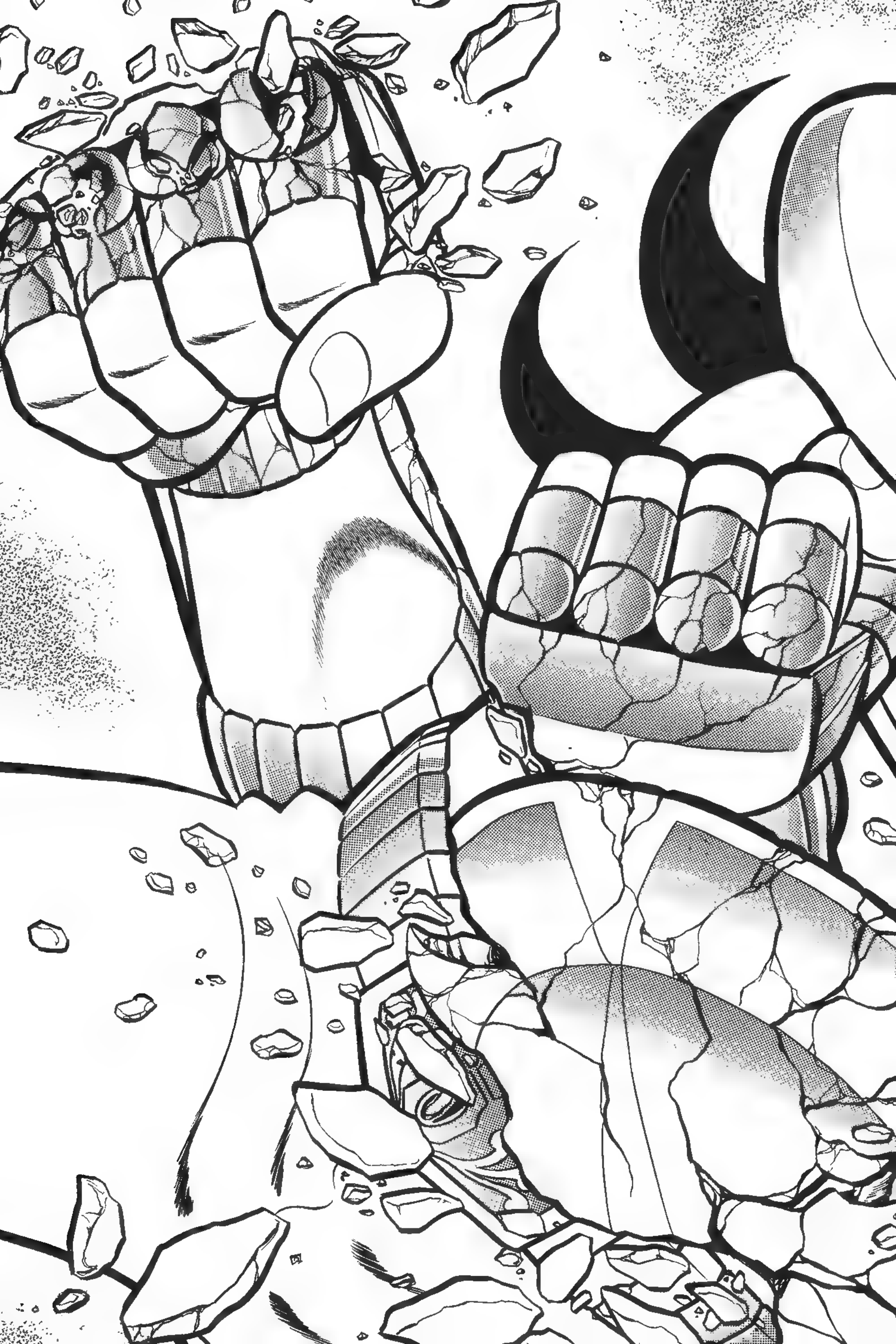
H-HEY...
H-HE'S... ON HIS FEET!
S-SEIYA'S UP AGAIN...
WHAT A FOOL. DOES HE WANT TO DIE?
WITH THAT INVINCIBLE GAUNTLET AND SHIELD IN FRONT OF HIM, HE HAS NO CHANCE OF WINNING ANY MORE, RIGHT?
NO, THERE STILL IS A CHANCE.

IF SEIYA CAN FIGURE IT OUT, THAT IS.
WHAT!?
WHY, SEIYA?
WHAT IS THE POINT OF STRUGGLING TO YOUR FEET AGAIN?
WHAT !?
BECAUSE I'VE SEEN IT, MY ONE CHANCE AT VICTORY ...
SHIRYÛ, I'M GOING TO DESTROY YOUR INDESTRUCTABLE SHIELD AND GAUNTLET IN ONE SECOND!!

WOOSH!
SO RECKLESS! YOU LEAP IN WITHOUT ANY PLAN AT ALL! YOU MUST BE CRAZY!
YOU WANT TO DIE, EH, SEIYA!
FWASH
VERY WELL THEN! I'LL GIVE YOU DEATH RIGHT HERE!!

OH!
HUH!
UNH!
WHAT ?!
WHOA ----
KRESH

DRAGON'S SHIELD AND GAUNTLET SHATTERED!!



NOT JUST DRAGON!
D-DRAGON'S INVINCIBLE SHIELD AND GAUNTLET ARE IN PIECES!!
SEIYA, TOO! HIS HEADPIECE IS SHATTERED AND HIS HEAD IS BLEEDING!
RROAR RRA
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON!?
WHAT JUST HAPPENED -----!?

Chapter Three:
Death Match
Pegasus vs. Dragon
KLANG

IN A MOMENT WE'LL REPLAY THE CLASH THAT JUST TOOK PLACE ON THE MONITORS LOCATED ABOVE THE ARENA
YAY YAY
YAY YAY
YAY YAY
YAY
YAY
YAY

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! PLEASE DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE MONITORS!
YAY YAY
YAY YAY
YAY
YAY
YAY
SEIYA RECKLESSLY LUNGED STRAIGHT INTO SHIRYÛ'S CHEST...
THE QUESTION IS, WHAT HAPPENED THEN?
OH!
L-LOOK THERE!

SEIYA LUNGED AT SHIRYÛ'S CHEST, BUT HE WASN'T GOING FOR HIS BODY.
IT WAS SHIRYÛ'S LEFT ARM!!
SO SEIYA TRIED TO DESTROY THE SHIELD ON SHIRYÛ'S LEFT ARM FROM THE INSIDE WITH A HEAD-BUTT, EH?
THAT'S FOOLHARDY--THAT WOULDN'T HURT SHIRYÛ.
SEE? SHIRYÛ'S LEFT ARM INSTANTLY ROTATES TO FOR A BLOCK.
IT'S AS IF SEIYA INTENTIONALLY HIT HIS HEAD AGAINST SHIRYÛ'S SHIELD.
SO THAT THE THING TO GET CRUSHED...

WOULD BE SEIYA'S HEAD!!
THIS MUCH ONLY SHOWS SEIYA COMMITTING AN ACT OF SUICIDAL DESPER-ATION.
BUT THE CRUCIAL THING HAPPENED NEXT.
OH...
Y-YIKES
THE QUESTION REMAINS, HOW DID SHIRYÛ'S SHIELD AND GAUNTLET GET SHATTERED!?

AHH! SHIRYÛ IMMEDIATELY GOES FOR THE FINISHING BLOW WITH HIS RIGHT FIST!
AND SHIRYÛ'S GAUNTLET SHATTERS HIS OWN SHIELD!!
BUT INSTEAD OF TAKING THE KILLING BLOW, SEIYA DROPS!?
WHAT?
YES.
AS I THOUGHT, THAT'S WHAT DESTROYED SHIRYÛ'S SHIELD AND GAUNTLET...

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TWO INDESTRUCTIBLE OBJECTS-- A SHIELD THAT NO SPEAR CAN PENETRATE, AND A SPEAR THAT CAN PIERCE ANY SHIELD--COLLIDE?
IT'S THE OLD PARADOX FROM THE WELL KNOWN CHINESE FABLE.
THERE'S THE ANSWER!!

WHOA...
SO DRAGON SHATTERED HIS GAUNTLET AND SHIELD HIMSELF?
NO, SEIYA'S PLOY GETS THE CREDIT.
EITHER WAY, THIS BATTLE'S OVER, RIGHT?
UN-DOUBT-EDLY.
WITH BOTH HIS GAUNTLET AND SHIELD DESTROYED, SHIRYÛ IS VIRTUALLY NAKED, AND SEIYA IS HALF-DEAD HIMSELF.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

KRASH
H-HE COLLAPSED!
SEIYA'S BLEEDING BADLY FROM HIS HEAD--IS HE GOING TO DIE!?
BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR CLOTH, SEIYA.
WITHOUT YOUR HEADPIECE, YOU'D HAVE BEEN KILLED INSTANTLY.
twitch twitch

NO. SEIYA WILL GET UP AGAIN FOR SURE.
THIS MATCH COULD DRAG ON.
I'M SORRY, SUNREI. THIS MAY TAKE A WHILE.
WHAT? B-BUT, SHIRYU, THAT MAN IS BEATEN.
HE'S NOT FIGHTING JUST TO WIN, BUT FOR SOME GREATER CAUSE...
THAT'S HOW HE'S BEEN SINCE HE WAS A CHILD... SEEING HIM FIGHT BRINGS BACK ALL THE MEMORIES.
SEIYA...
SEIYA...
DEAR SEIYA...

SEIYA, YOU CAN'T LOSE--YOU HAVE TO WIN, YOU HAVE TO KEEP WINNING...
WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE IS YOUR BUSINESS, BUT YOU'VE NO RIGHT SQUANDER THE YEARS I SPENT TRAINING YOU!
SEIYA----
UNTIL YOUR BIG SISTER HEARS ABOUT YOU...
DON'T LOSE UNTIL THEN, SEIYA...
splurt splurt
I CAN'T LOSE...
TH-THAT'S RIGHT.
I CAN'T LOSE YET!!
N-NOT YET...

I GUESS HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THE COST...
H-HE'S STILL GONNA FIGHT...
WH-WHOA
IF ONE OF THEM DIES IT COULD TARNISH THE GRANDE FOUNDATION'S REPU-TATION...
M-MILADY, PERHAPS WE SHOULD STOP THIS MATCH...
VOOOSH

FOOSH
NOW WE'RE EVEN, SHIRYÛ!!
WH-WHAT'S HE DOING?
WHAT? DRAGON TORE OFF HIS CLOTH!
I'LL FINISH YOU WITH MY BARE HANDS, SEIYA.
WITHOUT THE SHIELD AND GAUNTLET, MY CLOTH IS JUST USELESS WEIGHT.
BUT I WON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR VULNER-ABILITY.
ALL RIGHT.

THOUGH A KNIGHT'S BATTLE STRENGTH IS SUPER-HUMAN, OUR BODIES ARE AS VULNERABLE AS ANY MORTAL'S.
TO FIGHT WITHOUT A CLOTH IS LIKE JUMPING INTO A FIRE NAKED.
THEY'RE BOTH FOOLS...THE CLOTHS ARE THE ARMOR THAT PROTECTS US...
TO FIGHT UNPROTECTED WITH THEIR SUPER-HUMAN DESTRUCTIVE POWERS... IT MEANS CERTAIN DEATH!
B-BUT WHY...
WHY DO THEY FIGHT WITH SUCH DESPERATION?

SEIYA, WHY DO YOU FIGHT SO STUBBORNLY?
NO... I WON'T ASK.
IT'S CLEAR NEITHER OF US IS FIGHTING JUST FOR FAME OR THE GOLDEN CLOTH.
I ENTERED THIS BATTLE TO TEST ALL THAT VENERABLE RÔSHI TAUGHT ME...
I WAS TAUGHT THE BATTLE SKILLS OF KNIGHTHOOD, AND MORE FUNDAMENTAL THINGS ABOUT HOW TO LIVE.
WHEN I ENCOUNTERED RÔSHI IN CHINA'S GORÔHÔ REGION, IT WAS LIKE WALKING INTO THE LIGHT AFTER THE LONG DARKNESS MY LIFE AS AN ORPHAN.

IF I SHOULD RETURN TO GORÔHÔ IN DEFEAT, I COULD NEVER FACE RÔSHI!
HERE I COME, SEIYA! I'VE GATHERED ALL MY STRENGTH TO TAKE YOU DOWN!
WH- WHAT!?
A RISING DRAGON HAS APPEARED ON SHIRYÛ'S BACK!

SO THAT RÔSHI, WHO IS ABOUT TO LEAVE THIS WORLD, CAN REJOICE IN THE DRAGON'S VICTORY!

GRAAR
THEY SAID THEY'D SUMMON THEIR FULL STRENGTH AND FINISH THIS MATCH, BUT NEITHER ONE IS MOVING AT ALL.
WH-WHAT ARE THOSE TWO DOING?
IF EITHER TAKES A BLOW UPON HIS CLOTHLESS BODY, HE WILL BE MORTALLY WOUNDED.
THEY CAN'T MOVE.
IN THIS SITUATION, THE FIRST TO DISCOVER HIS OPPONENT'S WEAKNESS WINS.

N-NO...NOW THAT WE'VE REMOVED OUR CLOTHS, THIS SHOULD BE A PIECE OF CAKE.
IT WAS ONLY SHIRYÛ'S INVINCIBLE SHIELD THAT SAVED HIM FROM MY METEOR PUNCH.
IF SHIRYÛ TRIES TO BLOCK THEM WITHOUT HIS SHIELD, HE'LL BE CRIPPLED OR KILLED...
VWOOSH
HERE'S MY FIRST MOVE FOR VICTORY, SHIRYÛ!!

THERE IT IS, THE METEOR PUNCH!!
NOT EVEN SHIRYÛ CAN WITHSTAND THAT!
FWOOM
HUH!
WHOA!

WOOSH
H-HE DODGED ALL 100 OF SEIYA'S METEOR PUNCHES...
ALL OF THOSE SUPERSONIC PUNCHES...
SHIRYÛ'S LIKE LIGHTNING!
MAYBE YOU THOUGHT I'D JUST STAND LIKE A POST AND TRY TO BLOCK YOUR PUNCHES.
I AM NOT STUPID ENOUGH TO BLOCK A KNIGHT'S ATTACK WITH MY BARE ARM.
BUT I SAW ALL YOUR METEOR PUNCHES.
I EVADED THEM INSTEAD OF BLOCKING THEM!

YOU PROBABLY THINK YOUR METEOR PUNCHES ARE SUPERSONIC, BUT THEY'RE NOT.
WHAT! YOU COULD SEE THEM!?
I CAN SEE ALL YOUR PUNCHES NO MATTER HOW MANY YOU THROW! THERE ARE ONLY A FEW THAT I NEED TO EVADE! THE REST ARE LOVE TAPS FOR A KNIGHT!!
OF THOSE 100 PUNCHES ONLY A FEW SURPASSED MACH! THE OTHERS WERE A BIT SLOWER.
S-SEIYA WILL BE KILLED...
OOH...
SEIYA, TAKE MY RISING DRAGON BLOW LIKE A GOOD BOY AND DIE IN PEACE.
AND HAVING PLAYED YOUR HIGH CARD--THE METEOR PUNCH--YOUR LUCK HAS RUN OUT!

WHA...!?
ACK
SHIRYÛ'S COUGHING BLOOD!?
WHAT!?
THUMP
D-DID I NOT SEE ONE OF YOUR METEOR PUNCHES...
N-NO WAY, WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING...
WH-WHEN DID YOU...

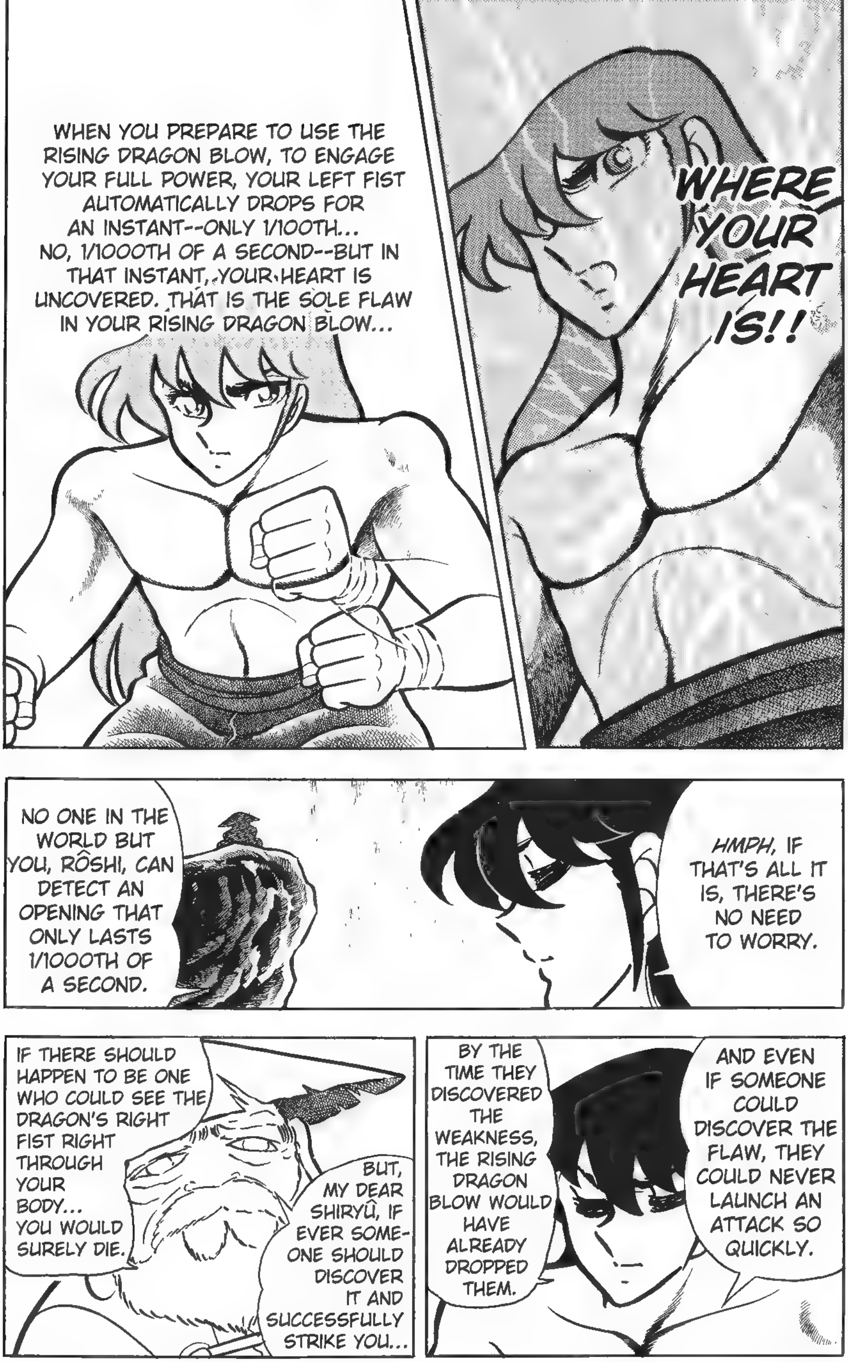
UNH!
WUMP
WHOA--!
TH-THE METEOR PUNCH AGAIN!
UNH!

tunk
WHA ...!?
tunk
THIS TIME I'M SURE I EVADED THEM ALL...
HUFF
HUFF
tunk

SHIRYÛ COLLAPSED!!
WHAT HAPPENED!?
WUMP
TH-THERE'S NO MISTAKE... AMONG THE HUNDREDS, SEIYA'S THROWING PUNCHES THAT I CAN'T SEE!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
AND WORSE... THIS TIME I MISSED TWO OF THEM...
COULD IT BE THAT EACH TIME HE THROWS HIS METEOR PUNCHES, SEIYA'S SKILL IMPROVES A LITTLE...?
BRWA

BEFORE HIS METEOR PUNCH IS PERFECTED...
tmp
IF SO, I'VE GOT TO FINISH HIM WITH THIS NEXT RISING DRAGON BLOW...
WHAT?
ARE YOU SURE THAT YOU WANT TO USE YOUR RISING DRAGON BLOW A SECOND TIME, SHIRYU?
YOU ONLY FACED THE RISING DRAGON BLOW ONCE, AND YOU ALREADY FOUND ITS FLAW...
S-SEIYA... YOU..
YOU'LL BE MORTALLY WOUNDED THE NEXT TIME!
THE RIGHT FIST OF THE DRAGON CREATES AN OPENING...

SHIRYÛ, YOUR RISING DRAGON BLOW HAS ONE SMALL FLAW...
FLAW..?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE TELLING ME THIS, RÔSHI...
YOU TAUGHT ME THE RISING DRAGON BLOW YOURSELF. IT SHOULD BE PERFECT! WHERE IS THIS FLAW?
IT'S THE DRAGON'S RIGHT FIST.
THE DRA-GON'S RIGHT FIST?
YES. THE FIGURE OF THE RISING DRAGON THAT APPEARS ON YOUR BACK WHEN YOUR COSMO FILLS YOUR BODY...
IT'S THE SPOT THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE DRAGON'S RIGHT FIST.........IN OTHER WORDS...


WHERE YOUR HEART IS!!
WHEN YOU PREPARE TO USE THE RISING DRAGON BLOW, TO ENGAGE YOUR FULL POWER, YOUR LEFT FIST AUTOMATICALLY DROPS FOR AN INSTANT--ONLY 1/100TH... NO, 1/1000TH OF A SECOND--BUT IN THAT INSTANT, YOUR HEART IS UNCOVERED. THAT IS THE SOLE FLAW IN YOUR RISING DRAGON BLOW...
HMPH, IF THAT'S ALL IT IS, THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.
NO ONE IN THE WORLD BUT YOU, RÔSHI, CAN DETECT AN OPENING THAT ONLY LASTS 1/1000TH OF A SECOND.
AND EVEN IF SOMEONE COULD DISCOVER THE FLAW, THEY COULD NEVER LAUNCH AN ATTACK SO QUICKLY.
BY THE TIME THEY DISCOVERED THE WEAKNESS, THE RISING DRAGON BLOW WOULD HAVE ALREADY DROPPED THEM.
BUT, MY DEAR SHIRYÛ, IF EVER SOME-ONE SHOULD DISCOVER IT AND SUCCESSFULLY STRIKE YOU...
IF THERE SHOULD HAPPEN TO BE ONE WHO COULD SEE THE DRAGON'S RIGHT FIST RIGHT THROUGH YOUR BODY... YOU WOULD SURELY DIE.

THAT ONE STANDS BEFORE ME NOW...
I DON'T KNOW WHY MY FIRST RISING DRAGON BLOW DIDN'T FINISH HIM..
MAYBE HE SAW THAT TINY FLAW AND ESCAPED THE FULL FORCE OF THE BLOW...
ba-bump
HUF
HUF
HUF
HUF
HUF
ba-bump
IN HIS CONDITION, HE'S GOT ONLY ENOUGH STRENGTH TO THROW ONE MORE FLURRY, SO...
BUT I DOUBT THAT SEIYA CAN SUCCESS-FULLY EXPLOIT MY WEAKNESS.

THEY'RE GOING TO DO IT, AND IT MAY BE THE LAST MOVE EITHER OF THEM EVER MAKES...!
BADUMP
BADUMP
SHIRYÛ...
BADUMP

DIE, SEIYA! RISING DRAGON BLOW!!
POP!
I-I SEE IT!
THE DRAGON'S RIGHT FIST!!

UNH!
YOU LOSE, SHIRYÛ!!

SK

WHOOOSH!!
GASP
SHIRYÛ'S BEEN KNOCKED OUT OF THE RING-----
THE METEOR PUNCH STRUCK SHIRYÛ ABOVE HIS HEART!!

SHIRYÛ

KRASH
SHIRYÛ-
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WUMP

SEIYA WON!
yay yay
yay yay
yay
yay
THE METEOR PUNCH WINS!
HUFF
HUFF
GAME OVER
WINNER
PEGASUS
KLIK
THE COMPUTER IS ANNOUNCING PEGASUS'S VICTORY.
OH, THE COMPUTER...

SHWAK
TMP
HIS HEAD HASN'T STOPPED BLEEDING-- IT'S A GUSHER!
WHOA, SEIYA HAS COLLAPSED TOO!
IF TREATMENT IS DELAYED, HE COULD DIE.
HE NEEDS SURGERY IMMEDIATELY!

YOU THINK SOMEBODY'S GONNA DIE?
THEY BOTH SEEM TO BE IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE.
OF COURSE-- THE WAY THEY FOUGHT.
DON'T SAY THAT, WANNA JINX 'EM?
HOW'S DRAGON DOING!?
WHAT'S DRAGON'S CONDITION!?
H-...
H-HIS HEART'S NOT BEATING...!!
PEGASUS IS CRITICAL! HE NEEDS IMMEDIATE HOSPITAL ATTENTION!

DRAGON SHIRYÛ IS DEAD!!

TMP
P-PLEASE WAIT, SEIYA!!
PLEASE, I BEG YOU...!
PLEASE HELP SHIRYÛ!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE SHIRYÛ!!
RÔSHI SAID THAT A HEART STOPPED BY A KNIGHT'S BLOW CAN ONLY BE STARTED AGAIN BY A SHOCK OF THE SAME FORCE FROM THE OPPOSITE SIDE...
SEIYA, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STRIKE A BLOW OF THE EXACT SAME FORCE!

PLEASE HELP SHIRYÛ----
THERE'S NO TIME! IF WE DON'T RESTART HIS HEART WITHIN FOUR MINUTES, HE WILL DIE!!
M-MISS... DON'T BE IRRATIONAL! YOU CAN SEE THAT THIS MAN IS IN NO CONDITION TO THROW ANOTHER PUNCH.
HE NEEDS IMMEDIATE TREATMENT OR HE COULD DIE TOO.
PUT ME DOWN...
HUH?
TAKE ME TO SHIRYÛ...
S-SEIYA...

UMPH
klink
ANDROMEDA WILL DO WHAT HE CAN TO HELP TOO.
THIS TIME, HIT THE DRAGON FROM THE BACK.
AIM CAREFULLY, SEIYA!

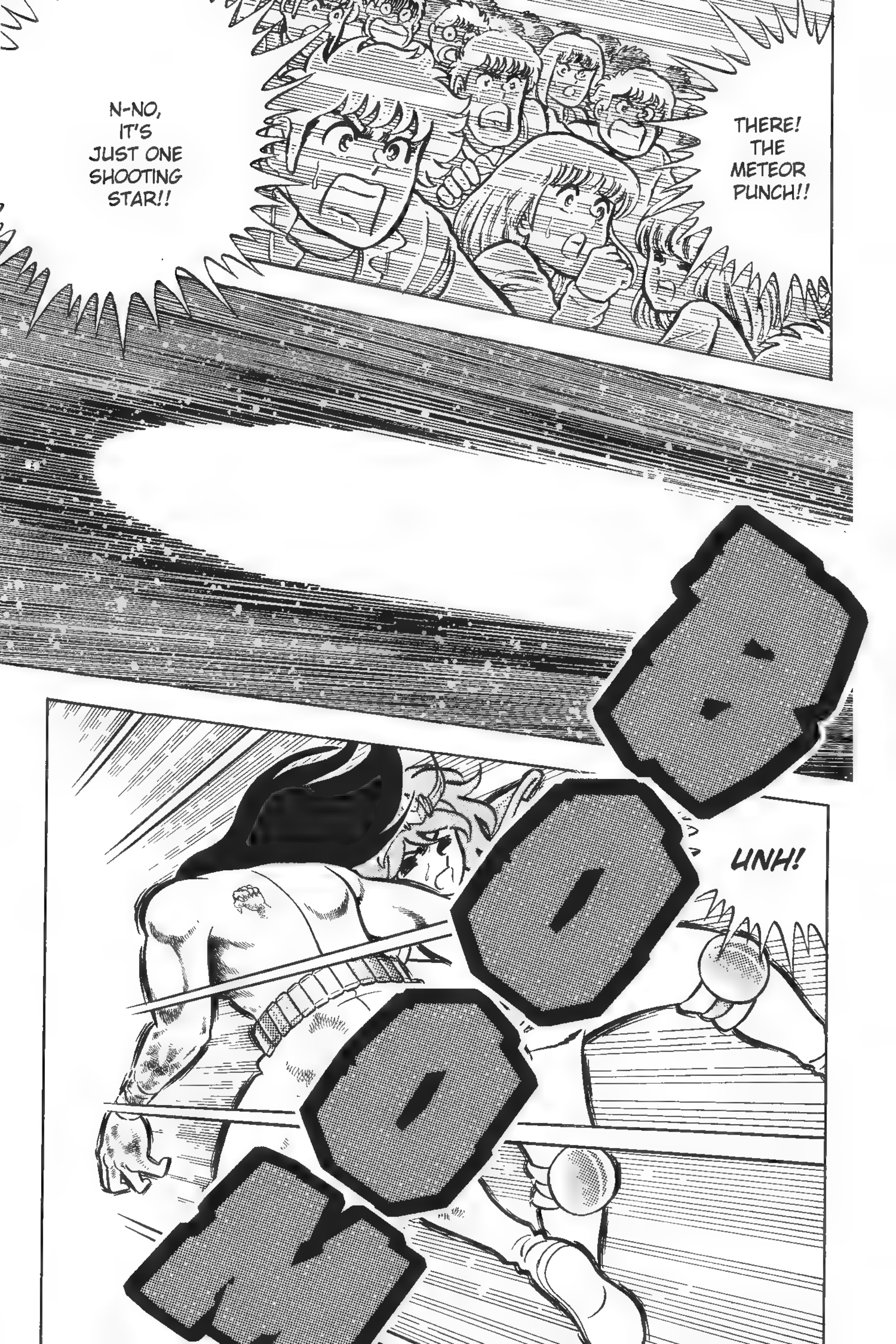
M-MILADY ...
S-SEIYA...

YOU ONLY HAVE ONE CHANCE. DON'T MISS.
HEY! THE DRAGON ON SHIRYÛ'S BACK IS FADING.
I-IF HE DOESN'T HURRY, IT'LL BE TOO LATE.
UNH...
WAP

DON'T RUSH. AT THIS RANGE INSTEAD OF RESTARTING IT, YOU'RE LIABLE TO PUNCH RIGHT THROUGH SHIRYŪ'S HEART.
BACK UP THREE MORE STEPS...
SEIYA...?
I-IT WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM, AFTER ALL...
HMM, HE PASSED OUT FROM LOSS OF BLOOD.

COME ON, SEIYA, YOU IDIOT----
WILL YOU LET SHIRYÛ DIE!?
WUP
OH...
G-GOD ...
HEY, THE DRAGON'S... SHIRYÛ'S LIFE IS FADING AWAY...
IT-IT'S TOO LATE...

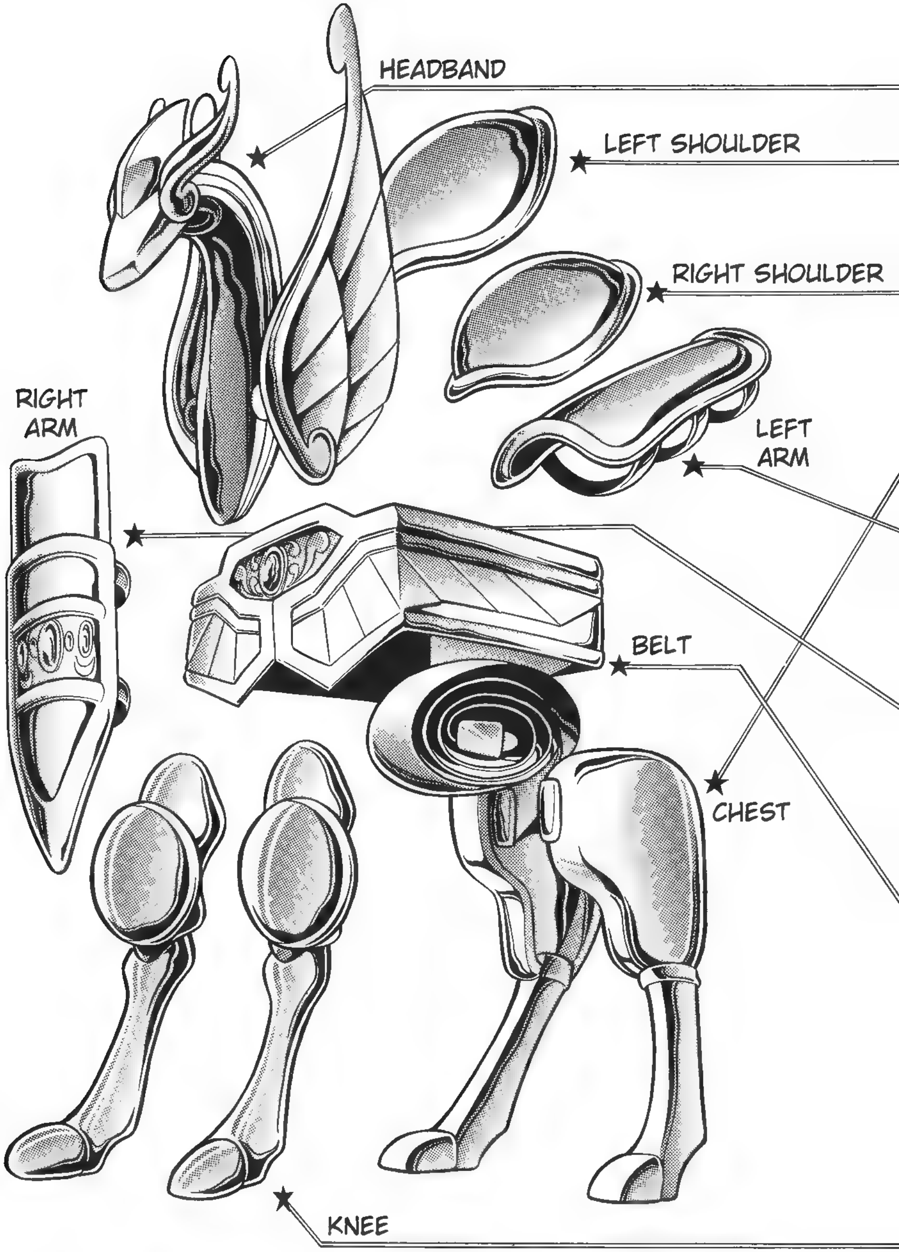
DON'T DISAPPEAR, DRAGON!!
FWASH


THERE! THE METEOR PUNCH!!
N-NO, IT'S JUST ONE SHOOTING STAR!!
BOOM
UNH!

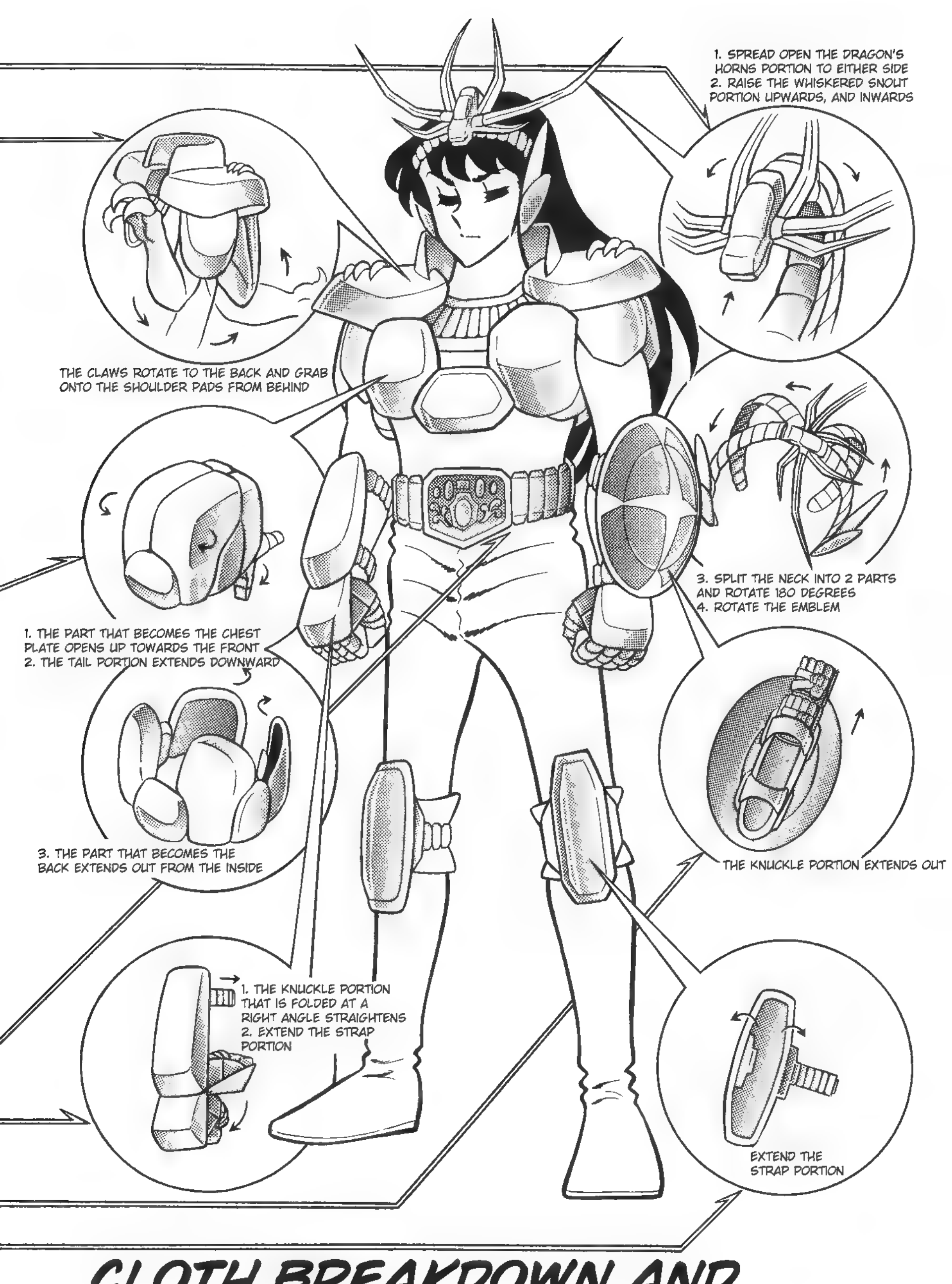
WHOA! SHUN WAS THROWN ALONG WITH SHIRYÛ--!
KRAASH
Y-YOU DID IT, SEIYA...
I CAN HEAR SHIRYÛ'S HEARTBEAT CLEARLY...
ba-bump
ba-bump
YAY, SHIRYÛ'S BEEN REVIVED----
GOOD JOB, SEIYA----
HOORAY
POLICE

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN. YOU NEED IMMEDIATE TREATMENT...
O-OH, XIE-XIE, SEIYA, THANK YOU...
BUT ARE THESE BATTLES REALLY JUST FOR PERSONAL GAIN SUCH AS ARE PROHIBITED BY ATHENA? SHIRYÛ, SEIYA, WHY DID YOU TWO FIGHT SO DESPERATELY...
I RETURNED TO JAPAN HAVING BEEN ORDERED BY SANCTUARY TO EXECUTE ALL OF YOU FOR VIOLATING THE RULES OF KNIGHTHOOD BY PARTICIPATING IN UGLY PERSONAL BATTLES...

CLOTH BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART I



THE PEGASUS CLOTH



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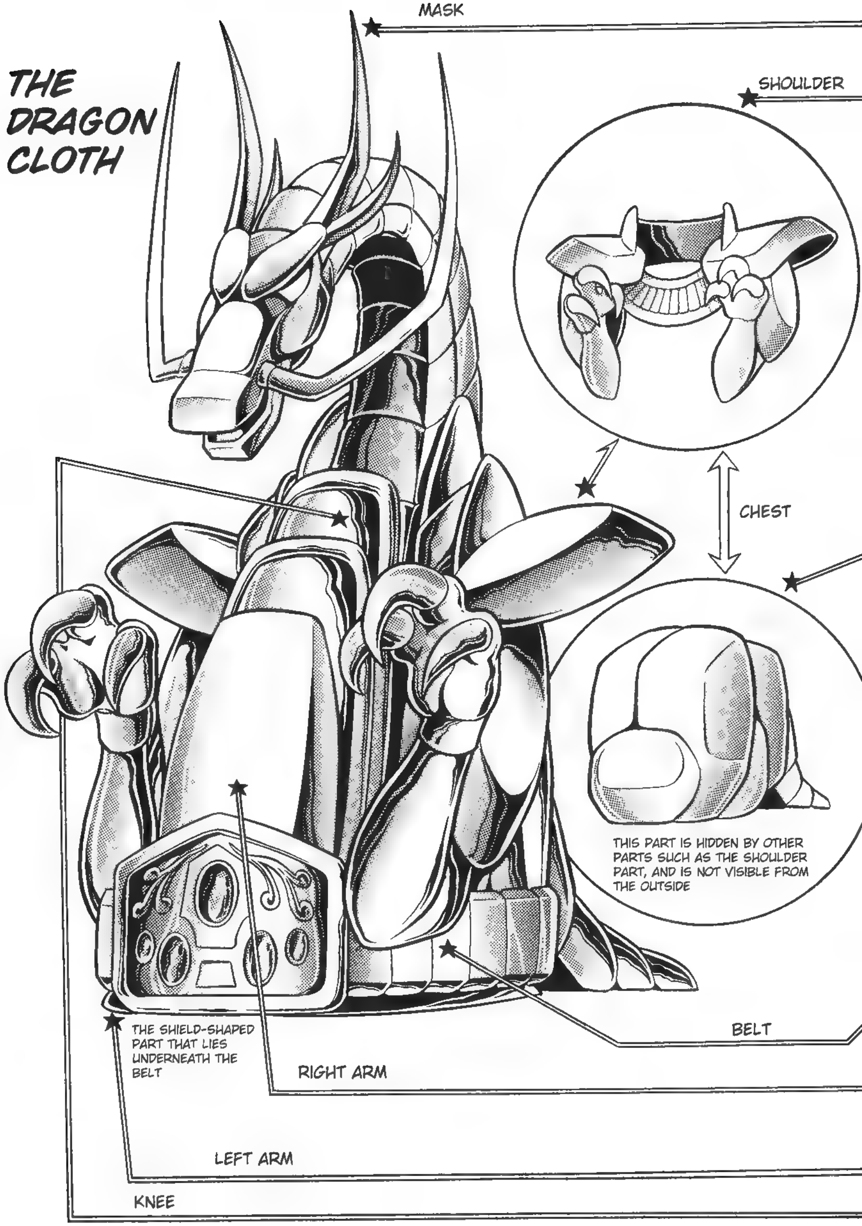
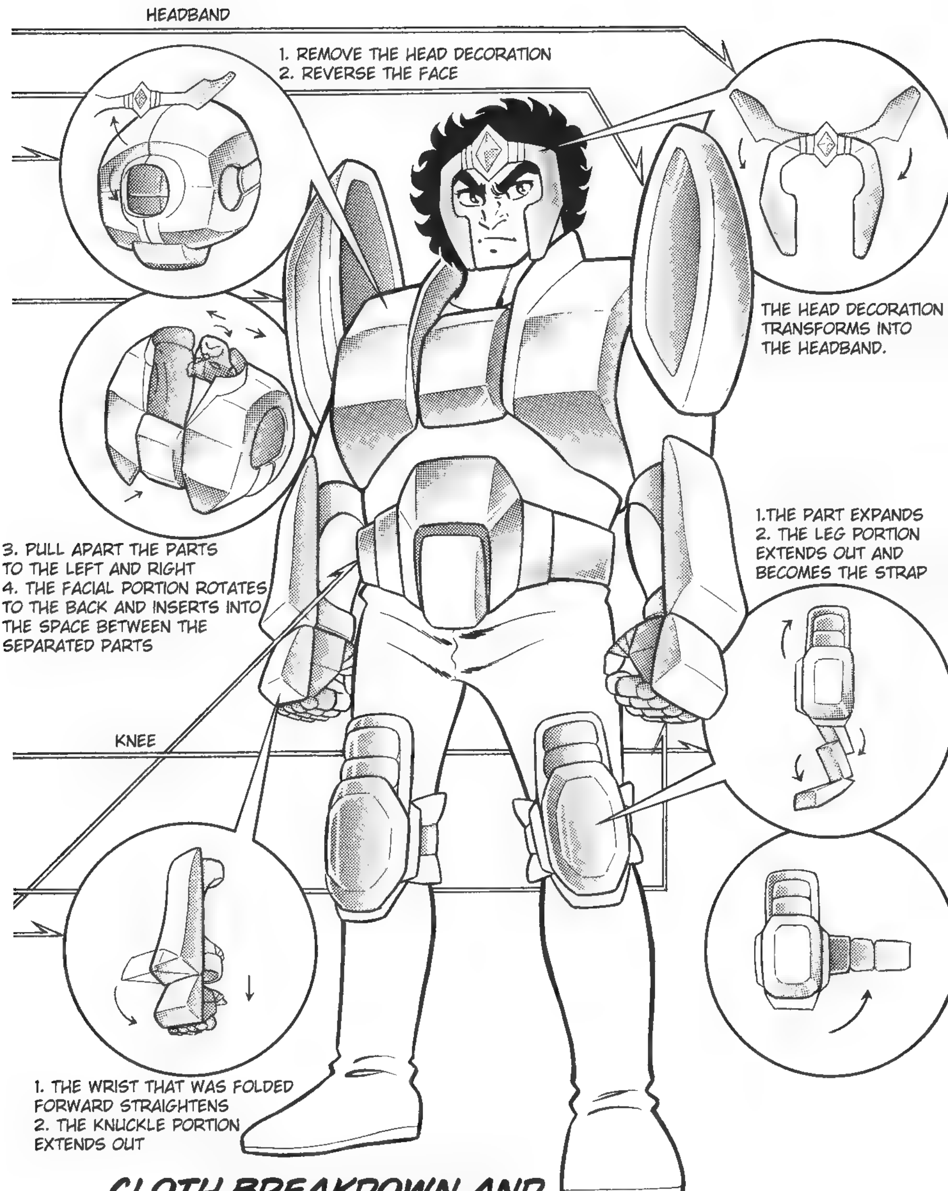

THE DRAGON CLOTH
MASK
SHOULDER
CHEST
THIS PART IS HIDDEN BY OTHER PARTS SUCH AS THE SHOULDER PART, AND IS NOT VISIBLE FROM THE OUTSIDE
BELT
THE SHIELD-SHAPED PART THAT LIES UNDERNEATH THE BELT
RIGHT ARM
LEFT ARM
KNEE



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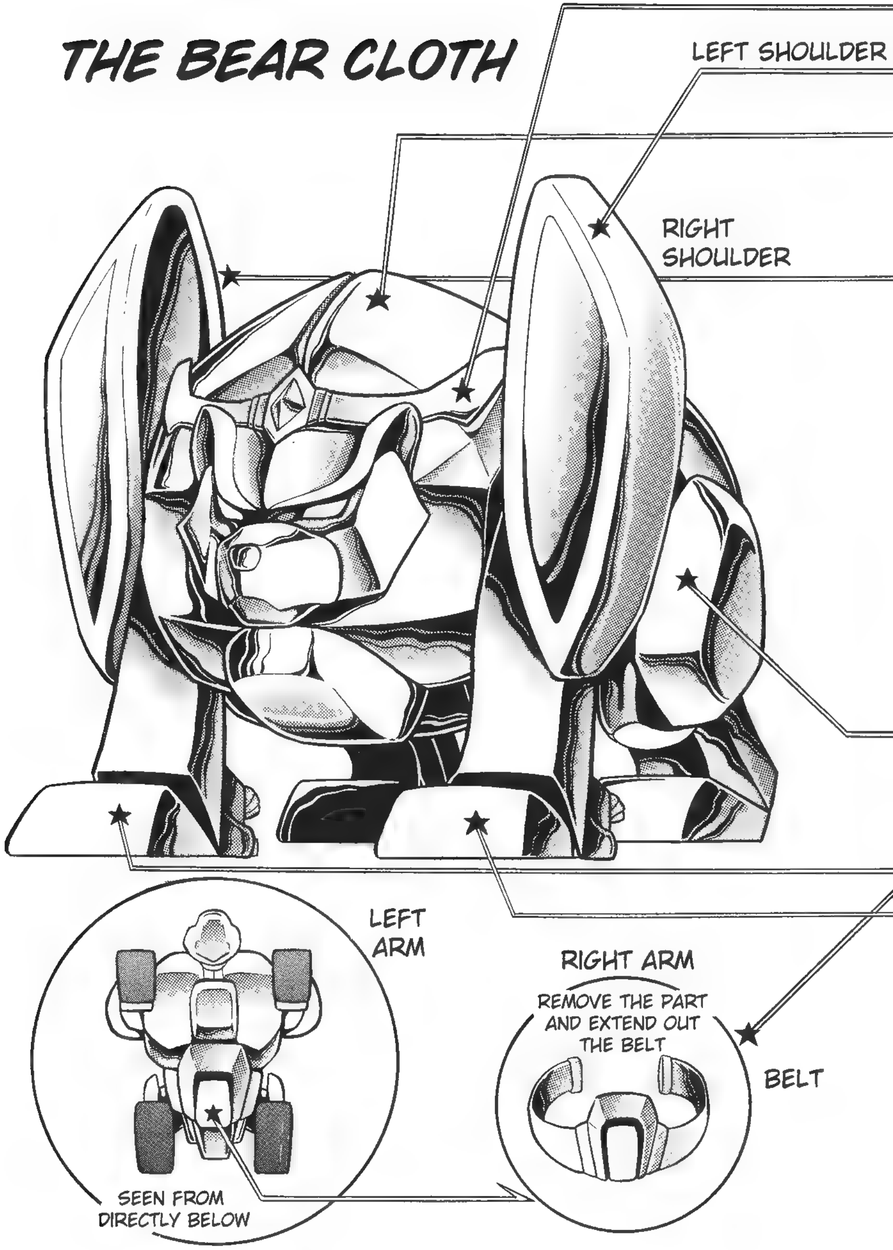
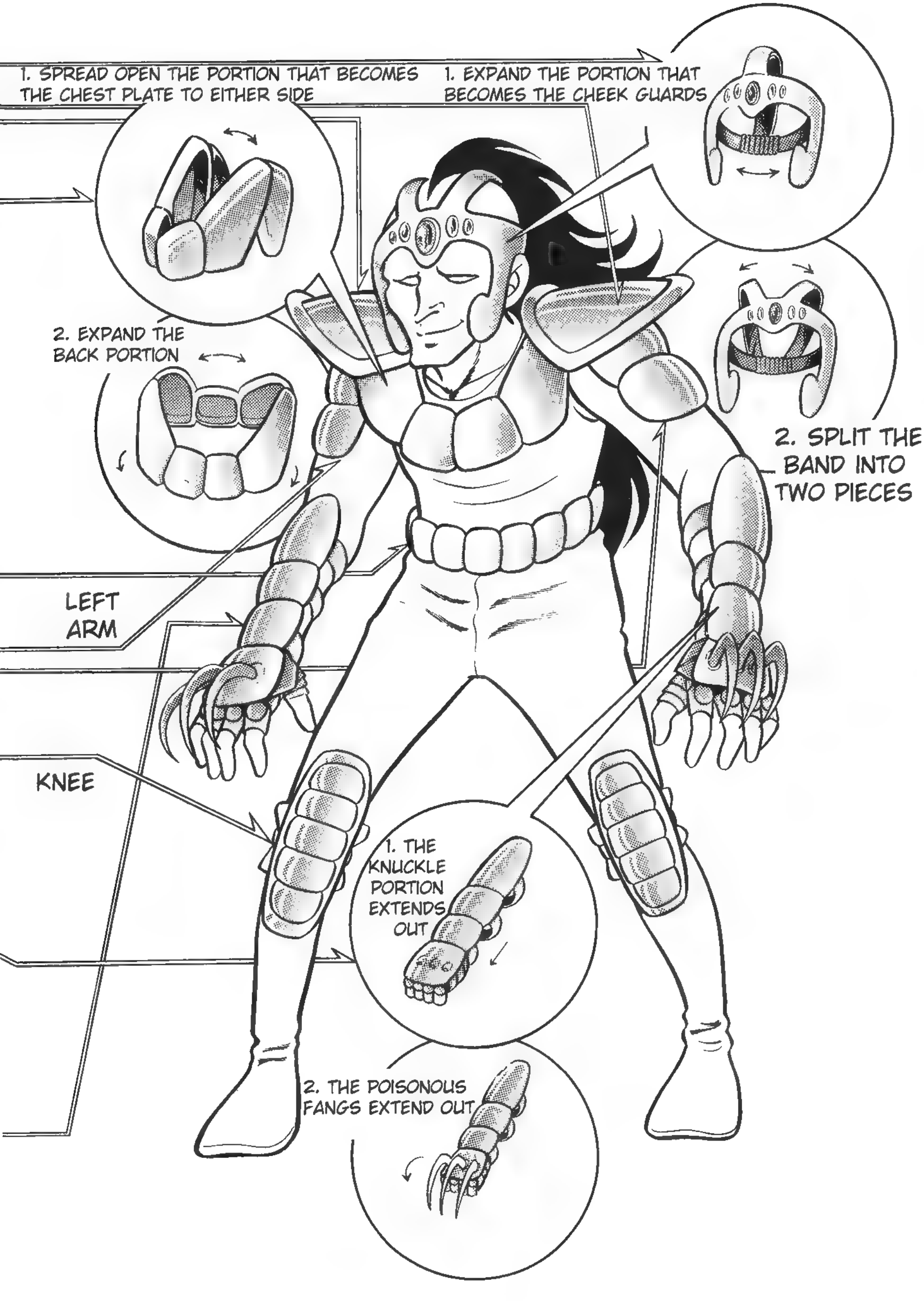
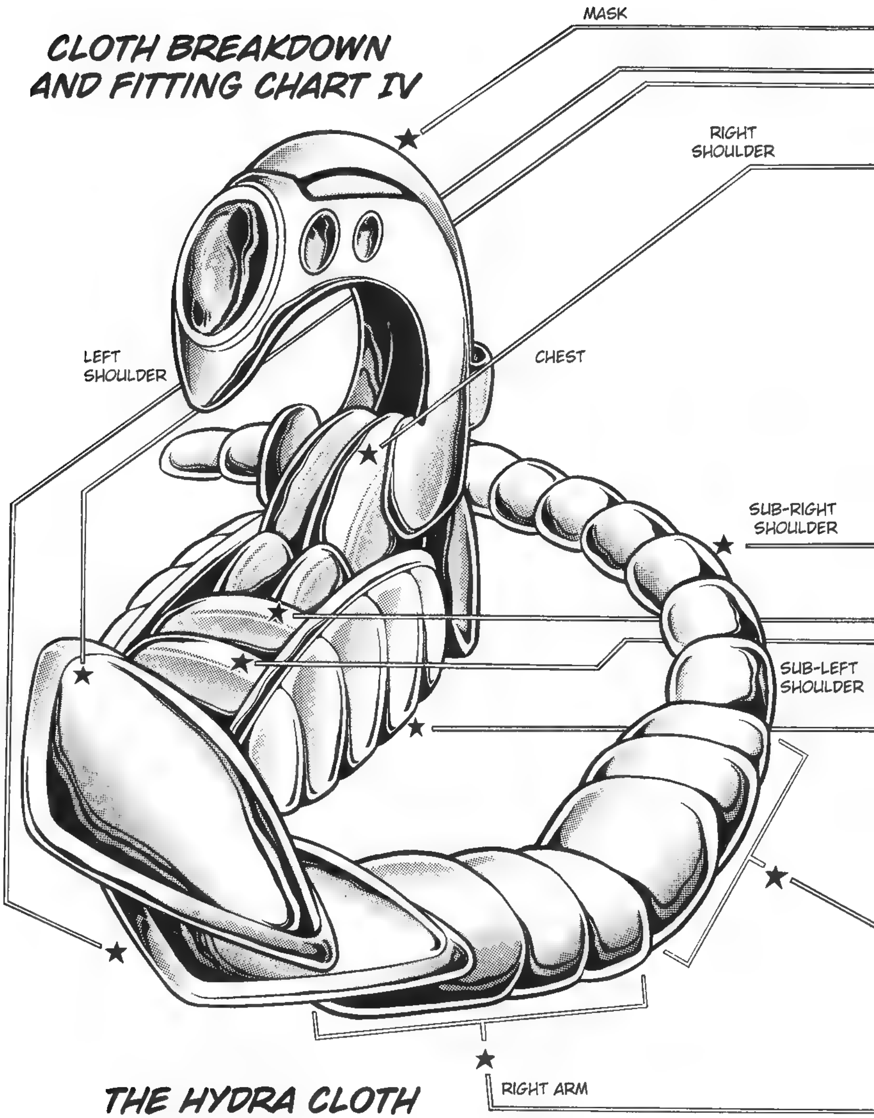
THE BEAR CLOTH





1. SPREAD OPEN THE PORTION THAT BECOMES THE CHEST PLATE TO EITHER SIDE
1. EXPAND THE PORTION THAT BECOMES THE CHEEK GUARDS
2. EXPAND THE BACK PORTION
2. SPLIT THE BAND INTO TWO PIECES
LEFT ARM
KNEE
1. THE KNUCKLE PORTION EXTENDS OUT
2. THE POISONOUS FANGS EXTEND OUT

CLOTH BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART IV



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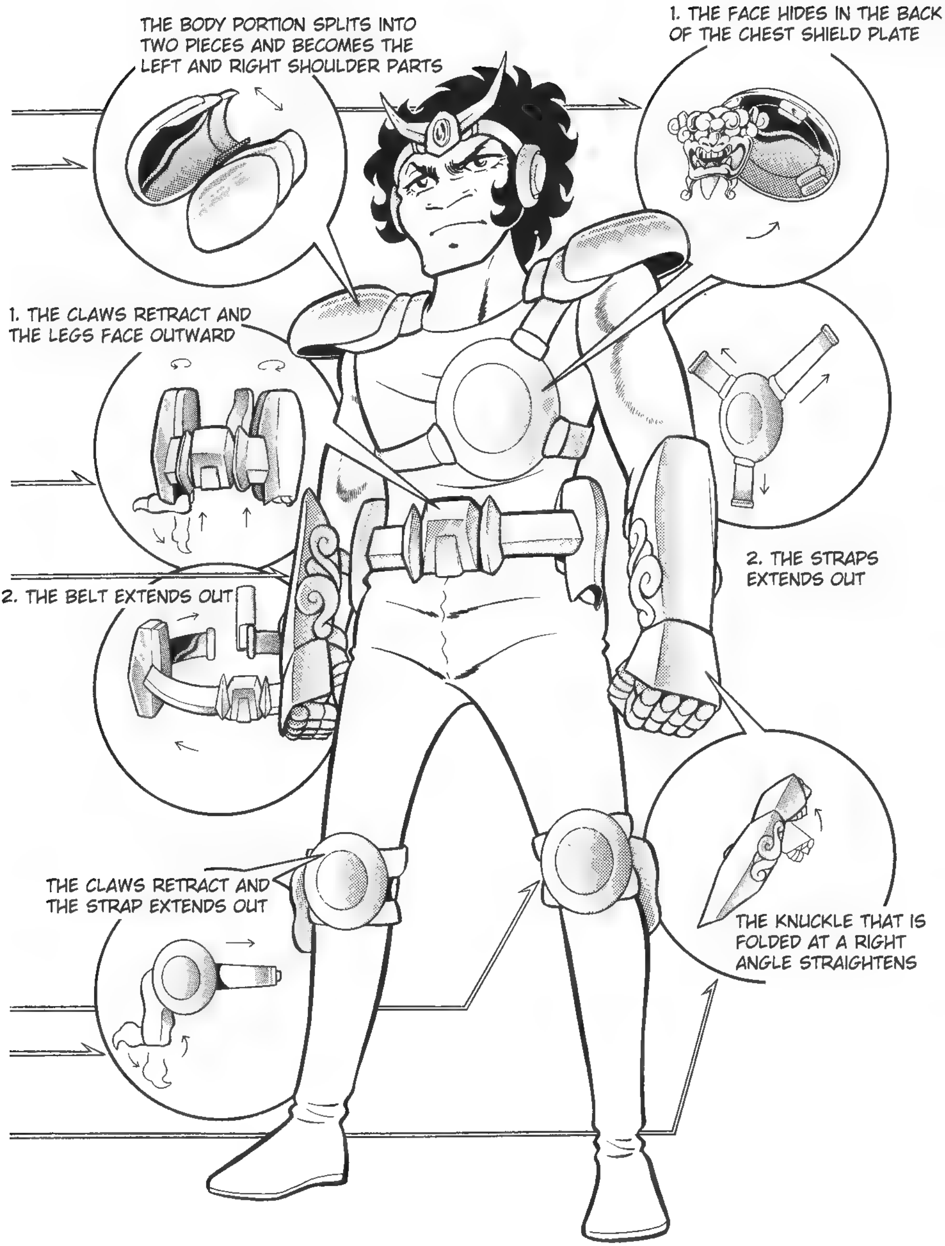
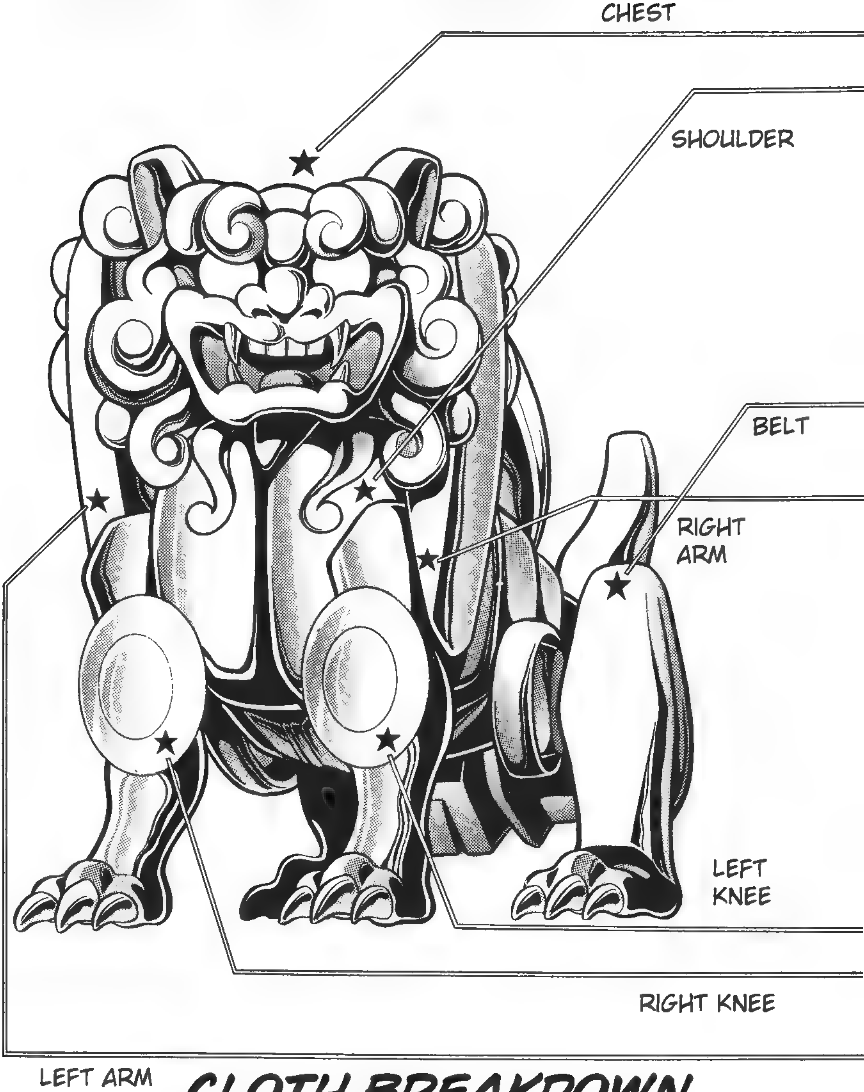

THE BODY PORTION SPLITS INTO TWO PIECES AND BECOMES THE LEFT AND RIGHT SHOULDER PARTS
1. THE FACE HIDES IN THE BACK OF THE CHEST SHIELD PLATE
1. THE CLAWS RETRACT AND THE LEGS FACE OUTWARD
2. THE STRAPS EXTENDS OUT
2. THE BELT EXTENDS OUT
THE CLAWS RETRACT AND THE STRAP EXTENDS OUT
THE KNUCKLE THAT IS FOLDED AT A RIGHT ANGLE STRAIGHTENS

THE LIONET CLOTH



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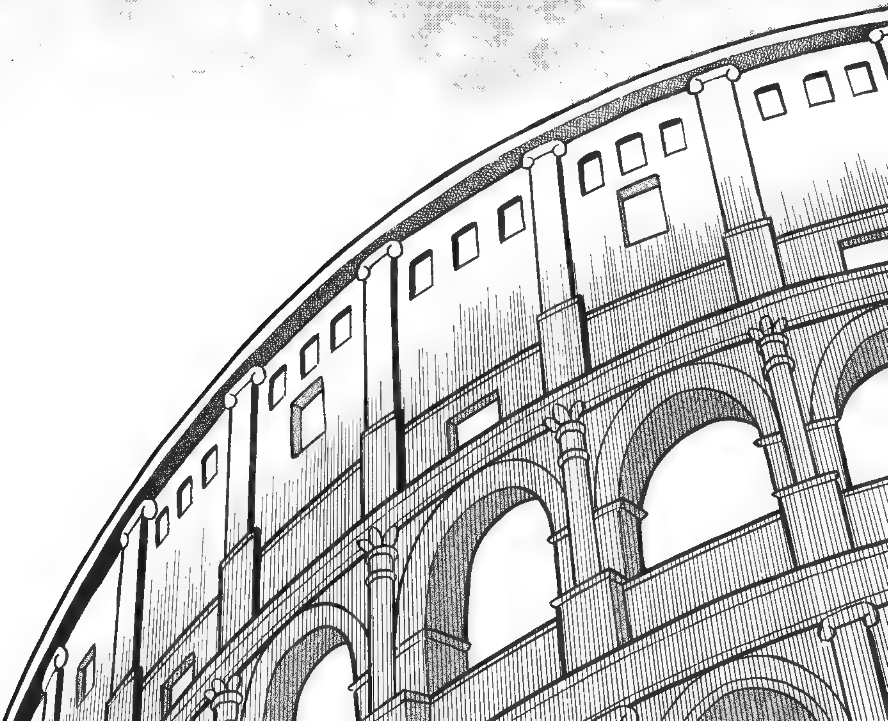

DAY 5 OF THE GALAXY TOURNAMENT!!
YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY YAY
UP AGAINST ANDROMEDA SHUN
IS UNICORN JAB!!

GO, SHUN! YOU'RE THE BEST
HE'S BEAUTIFUL! HARD TO BELIEVE HE'S A MAN
WHAT INCREDIBLE POPULARITY, SHUN.
YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN AN ACTOR INSTEAD OF A KNIGHT.
JAB, DON'T YOU THINK THESE BATTLES ARE POINTLESS...
HMPH, CHICKENING OUT BEFORE YOU FIGHT EVEN ONCE?
I ONLY CAME BECAUSE I WAS EXCITED TO SEE MY BIG BROTHER...

FWASH
YOU'RE STILL A CRYBABY-- AS ALWAYS!
HMPH, KIND OF LATE IN THE GAME TO START OBJECTING, ISN'T IT?
NOT TO BE FORCED TO FIGHT SILLY BATTLES...
KLANK
NO! I'M NOT A CRYBABY ANY MORE!
KAKLINK

HUH!
ERK
WHAT'S THAT!?
WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO WITH THAT CHAIN WRAPPED AROUND HIS ARMS?
LOOK CLOSELY...
AT THE PATTERN OF THE CHAINS ON THE GROUND...

WHOA! THE CHAINS ARE SPREAD AROUND ANDROMEDA LIKE A SPIDER'S WEB!!
BEAUTIFUL! IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THE GREAT ANDROMEDA NEBULA IN THE NIGHT SKY!!

TAKE ONE STEP CLOSER, JAB.
WHAT.
IF YOU WANT TO ENTER MY NEBULA OF CHAINS, YOU SHOULD RESIGN YOURSELF TO DEATH...
SO, IF YOU'RE READY TO DIE, THEN BY ALL MEANS, COME ON.
JUMP
DON'T TALK TOUGH TO ME! IF YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE ME DOWN, THEN DO IT!!

KLANNK
UNH!
AAAH ----
WHAP
WHOA!

SPLAK
KLANK
WH-WHAT...
THE CHAINS CAME AFTER ME LIKE THEY WERE ALIVE...
I'M NOT TRYING TO TALK TOUGH. LET'S JUST END THIS POINTLESS BATTLE, OKAY?
IF I HADN'T HELD BACK, YOU'D ALREADY BE DEAD...
WH-WHAT? YOU CLAIM YOU HELD BACK--
G-GIVE ME A BREAK--

AHH!
THE CHAINS ARE FLYING AGAIN!
WHOOSH
THEN LET'S SEE YOU TRY TO KILL ME!!
Ker-Klank

EXCUSE ME!
GRANDE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL
SHIRYÛ..!!
HOW'S YOUR HEAD, SEIYA!?
NIHAO, SEIYA!
UM, IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW.
GOOD! THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP.

SUNREI TOLD ME EVERYTHING. I OWE YOU MY LIFE!
AW, IT'S NO BIG DEAL, SHIRYÛ.
ACTUALLY, I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME BEFORE I GO BACK TO GOROHO.
SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING YOU!?
EVER SINCE THE TOURNAMENT STARTED, I'VE SENSED AN UNSEEN COSMO...
AS THOUGH SOMEONE'S BEEN SECRETLY WATCHING OUR EVERY MOVE FROM THE SHADOWS...
WHAT!? SHIRYÛ, YOU DON'T MEAN...

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT PHOENIX?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT HIS AURA IS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF THE OTHER KNIGHTS.
I BELIEVE ANDROMEDA'S CHAINS HOLD THE KEY TO THIS MYSTERY.
WHAT? ANDRO-MEDA'S CHAINS!?
YES. THE 10TH KNIGHT IS ALREADY INSIDE THE COLISEUM!!

KER-KRAK
ANDROMEDA'S STRENGTH IS INCREDIBLE...
THAT'S THE FOURTH TIME.
OH, HE GOT SLAMMED AGAIN...
UGH...IF I HAD KNOWN HE COULD DO THIS TO ME WHILE HOLDING BACK...
I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO COCKY.
SWIP
SHUN'S CHAINS ARE DEADLY...

THERE'S NO OPENINGS ANYWHERE, FRONT, BACK, OR SIDES!!
IT REALLY IS LIKE AN ANDROMEDA NEBULA OF STEEL, AS FORMIDABLE ON THE OFFENSE AS ON THE DEFENSE!!
OH!
GEEZ!
BUT... THERE'S ONE SPOT THAT'S UNPROTECTED, AND THAT IS...
TMP

CHINK
HOW NAÏVE! MY NEBULA IS STRONGEST DIRECTLY OVER MY HEAD. AN ENEMY WHO ATTACKS FROM THERE DIES FOR SURE!
WHOA!
OVERHEAD--!
SWOOOOM

KRESSH
UNICORN IS HELPLESS AGAINST THE NEBULA CHAINS!
ANDROMEDA MOVES AHEAD 1 POINT!!

RAAWRR

YAY
YAY
JAB NEVER HAD A CHANCE AGAINST YOU!!
YAY
YAY
YEAH, SHUN, YOU'RE GREAT!
THAT'S RIGHT, ABSOLUTELY!
THE CHAINS ARE SLITHERING!?
ARE THEY WARNING ME OF SOME DANGER!?
SWESH
SWESH

A...
X...
I...
A...
WH- WHAT'S "AXIA"...
AXIA!?
AND WHAT DANGER DOES IT POSE?

CHANK
JAB!
GOT 'EM! WITH THE CHAINS, I'LL WIN.
WAIT, JAB!!
THE CHAINS ARE TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING IMPORTANT.
IT COULD BE A DANGER THAT THREATENS ALL OF US KNIGHTS!
WHAT?

JAB, RELEASE THE CHAINS BEFORE WE LOSE THIS OPPORTUNITY!
N-NO WAY!
I FINALLY HAVE A CHANCE TO TURN THE TABLES! I'M NOT LETTING GO UNTIL I BEAT YOU!!
LET THEM GO, JAB! THEY'LL TEAR YOUR ARMS OFF!!
OH!
WHOA!
SNAP
WHAT!?

ANDROMEDA'S CHAINS HOLD THE KEY TO THE 10TH KNIGHT!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SHIRYÛ?
ANDROMEDA'S CHAINS POSSESS AWESOME DEFENSIVE INSTINCTS.
WHY DO YOU ASSUME THAT THE 10TH KNIGHT IS AN ENEMY?
A PREMONITION... IF THE 10TH KNIGHT IS PHOENIX, HE WILL BE THE ENEMY OF US ALL!
NOTHING CAN DETECT THE 10TH KNIGHT IN THE COLISEUM QUICKER THAN ANDROMEDA'S CHAINS!!
IF THEY SENSE AN ENEMY COSMO, THEY IMMEDIATELY FORM A WALL OF STEEL...

YES, THE MAN WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE DIED...!
WHAT!?
NO ONE ELSE BUT HIM COULD POSSIBLY BE THE PHOENIX.
HIM!?
N-NO WAY-- ARE YOU SAYING... *HE* BECAME PHOENIX...
AND RETURNED FROM HELL!?
THEN NOT ONLY THE LIVES OF THE OTHER NINE KNIGHTS ARE IN DANGER, BUT THE LIVES OF EVERYONE HE KNEW SIX YEARS AGO TOO!!
HE'LL SLAUGHTER THEM ALL IF HE CAN!!

MY CHAINS POSSESS DEFENSIVE INSTINCTS.
IF AN ENEMY TOUCHES THEM, THEY DISCHARGE AN ELECTRIC JOLT OF 10,000 VOLTS!
WOOOSH
WH-WHAT THE...! WHAT ARE THESE CHAINS DOING!? IT'S LIKE HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRICITY IS FLOWING THROUGH THEM...
TH-THAT'S RIDICULOUS. THAT MEANS THEY REALLY ARE...
TH- THEY'RE MOVING!?
THEY'RE MOVING FASTER! THE DANGER HAS MOVED TOWARD US AND IS NOW VERY CLOSE.
KLAANK

WHAT'S GOING ON? THEY'VE STOPPED FIGHTING, AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING.
THE CHAINS ARE MOVING ON THEIR OWN.
RIDICULOUS! ISN'T ANDROMEDA MOVING THEM?
KLANK
A-AND LOOK!
WHAT IS THAT!?
AAAH! TH-THE CHAINS REALLY ARE MOVING ON THEIR OWN!!
WHA...

ANDROMEDA'S CHAINS ARE IGNORING JAB, WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE HIS ENEMY, AND ARE FORMING THE NEBULA IN THE OTHER DIRECTION!!
KLINK
DON'T TELL ME THIS IS...
WHA---

TA
BOOOM
D-DON'T TELL ME...
DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, JAB.
SH-SHUN!!
THESE CHAINS ARE POINTING TOWARDS THE ENEMY, AND HE'S NOT JUST MY ENEMY, BUT TO ALL NINE OF US KNIGHTS.
WHAT?
THE THING THAT LIES IN THIS DIRECTION IS...

HUH!
TH-THAT'S RIGHT, EARLIER, THE CHAINS SIGNALED "AXIA" AND WARNED ME OF THE DANGER.
AXIA IS GREEK FOR SOMETHING PRECIOUS, SOMETHING OF VALUE...
THE VALUABLE OBJECT THAT LIES IN THIS DIRECTION IS NONE OTHER THAN...

YAAH!
EEEE!
FLASH!
WHAT!?
THE GOLDEN CLOTH!!

N-NO WAY!
THE GOLDEN CLOTH'S BOX IS OPENING!!
KREEEEEK
WHA...
IMPOSSIBLE...
WHAM

AAAH!
S-SOMEONE'S INSIDE THE GOLDEN CLOTH'S BOX!
WHAT!?
WH-WHO'S THAT!?!

IT'S PHOENIX!

DO
END.